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Syrian Cabinet resigns

By M. SLACKMAN

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CAIRO – The Syrian government resigned Tuesday in what might have been a prelude to other concessions in a speech that President Bashar Assad is expected to give to the nation Wednesday, part of an expanding effort to address protests against his authoritarian rule. The resignation was seen as a significant – if primarily symbolic – gesture in a nation where the leadership rarely responds to public pressure and where decisions are made not by the cabinet but by the president and his inner circle, including multiple security services.

“It is not about the government; it is about the policies of the state,” said Abdel Majid Manjouni, the head of the Socialist Democratic Arab Union Party in Aleppo.

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Opposition fighters aboard a bus heading east away from approaching forces loyal to Libyan leader Col. Moammar Gadhafi, at a checkpoint in Brega, Libya.

(The New York Times)

Washington debates arming Libyan rebels

By MARK LANDLER

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WASHINGTON – The Obama administration is engaged in a fierce debate over whether to supply weapons to the rebels in Libya, senior officials said Tuesday, with some fearful that providing arms would deepen U.S. involvement in a civil war and that some fighters may have links to al-Qaida.

The debate has drawn in the White House, the State Department and the Pentagon, these officials said, and has prompted an urgent call for intelligence about a ragtag band of rebels who are waging a town-by-town battle against Moammar Gadhafi, from a base in eastern Libya long suspected of supplying terrorist recruits.

“Al-Qaida in that part of the country is obviously an issue,” a senior official said.

These fears surfaced publicly on Capitol Hill on Tuesday when the military commander of NATO, Adm. James Stavridis, told a Senate hearing that there were “flickers” in intelligence reports about the presence of al-Qaida and Hezbollah members among the rebels. No full picture of the opposition has emerged, Stavridis said. While eastern Libya was the center of Islamist protests in the late 1990s, it is unclear how many groups retain ties to al-Qaida.

The French government, which has led the international charge against Gadhafi, has placed mounting pressure on the U.S. to provide greater assistance to the rebels.

The question of how best to support the opposition dominated an international conference about Libya on Tuesday in London, attended by President Nicolas Sarkozy of France, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and other coalition leaders.

While Clinton said the administration had not yet decided on whether to actually transfer arms, she reiterated the U.S. had a right to do so, despite an arms embargo on Libya, because of the U.N. Security Council’s broad resolution authorizing military action to protect civilians. But some administration officials argue that supplying arms would further entangle the U.S. in a drawn-out civil war because the rebels would need to be trained to use any weapons, even relatively simple rifles and shoulder-fired anti-armor weapons. This could mean sending trainers. It was not yet clear how that debate was breaking down, though the Pentagon has been most reluctant about any military action in Libya.

The question of whether to arm the rebels underscores the difficult choices the U.S. faces as it tries to move from being the leader of the military operation to a member of a NATO-led coalition, with no clear political endgame. It also carries echoes of previous U.S. efforts to arm rebels, in Angola, Nicaragua, Afghanistan and elsewhere, many of which backfired. The U.S. has a deep, often unsuccessful, history of arming insurgencies.

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Japan slips to control nuke crisis



Shoichi Abe, 62, works at his family dairy farm near Fukushima City, Japan. As bans on farm products go into effect for the farmers in Fukushima Prefecture, the region hit hardest by the nuclear crisis, farmers are worried about their future and some are convinced that the government is not on their side.

(The New York Times)

By KEN BELSON

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TOKYO – After workers switched on the first set of control room lights at Japan’s crippled power plant in Fukushima last week, the Japanese government offered its strongest assurances yet that its nuclear crisis was close to being under control.

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But less than a week later, a deluge of contaminated water, plutonium traces in the soil and an increasingly hazardous environment for workers at the plant have forced government officials to confront the reality that the emergency measures they have taken to keep nuclear fuel cool have themselves had a variety of dangerous side effects. And the prospect of restoring automatic cooling systems any-

time soon has now faded.

"The earthquake, tsunami and the ensuing nuclear accident may be Japan's largest-ever crisis," the Japanese prime minister, Naoto Kan, told Parliament on Tuesday, in his most sober message to date on the nuclear crisis. "We find ourselves in a situation where we can't let down our guard. We will continue to handle it in a state of maximum alert." The setbacks have raised questions about how long, and at what cost, Japan can keep

up what experts call its "feed and bleed" strategy of cooling the reactor's fuel rods with emergency infusions of water from the ocean and now from freshwater sources.

That cooling strategy, while essential to prevent full melt-downs, has released harmful amounts of radioactive steam into the atmosphere and triggered leaks of highly contaminated water, making it perilous for some of the hundreds of workers at the plant to complete critical repair work. Moreover, the discovery of radioactive elements that experts say could only come from the core of a reactor suggests that the government's strategy may not be working and that partial fuel melting has not been completely halted.

Hiroto Sakashita, an associate professor in nuclear reactor thermal hydraulics at Hokkaido University, said the Japanese government was in for a long fight. He said although the fuel rods in the nuclear reactors had already lost more than 99 percent of their



As bans on farm products go into effect for the farmers in Fukushima Prefecture, the region hit hardest by the nuclear crisis, farmers are worried about their future and some are convinced that the government is not on their side.

(The New York Times)

heat, they were still giving off enough heat to evaporate 200 tons of water a day. And the remaining heat, from isotopes with long half-lives, will take months to cool further.

"There is some trial and er-

ror," said Kuni Yogo, a former atomic energy policy planner in Japan's Science and Technology Agency. "But this is the beginning of a three- to five-year effort to seize the damage." □

SYRIAN CABINET RESIGNS

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"The ministers are not the ones who decide these things. That is the president. He makes the policies."

Assad's Wednesday speech was scheduled to try to calm tensions after government forces repeatedly opened fire on demonstrators, killing dozens of people. According to officials, the speech, originally expected Monday, will offer significant political concessions, including the lifting of laws that restrict civil and political freedoms. The promises, however, were greeted skeptically by a public accustomed to a leadership that has talked of reform for years without results.

"Now it's all about evaluating Assad's words and how to judge his actions," said Andrew Tabler, a Syria expert in Washington. "He doesn't have a good track record on following through, and I can't imagine he can now, given the regime's structure."

If he lifts the emergency laws and allows free speech, the streets are likely to swell with demonstrators. If he dismantles the feared secret police services, he is liable to lose control amid widespread calls for freedom, the rule of law and an end to systemic corruption. If he ends the Baath Party monopoly on power, it would likely lose at the polls.

"The emergency law is a cornerstone of Baathist rule, and once it goes everything else might go with it," said Karim Emile Bitar, a researcher at the Institute for International and Strategic Relations in Paris.

The resignation of the cabinet came as the government worked hard to restore its credibility after thousands marched against it around the country and the military took up positions in cities in the north and south. Tens of thousands of government supporters rallied in Damascus, the capital, on Tuesday, waving flags and pictures of Assad. □

LYBIAN REBELS

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President Barack Obama pledged Monday that he would not commit U.S. ground troops to Libya and that the job of transforming the country into a democracy was primarily for the Libyan people and the international community. But he promised that the U.S. would help the rebels in this struggle.

In London, Clinton and other Western leaders made it clear that the NATO-led operation would end only with the removal of Gadhafi, even if that was not the stated goal of the U.N. resolution.

Clinton — who met for a second time with a senior opposition leader, Mahmoud Jibril — acknowledged that as a group, the rebels were largely a mystery. "We don't know as much as we would like to know and as much as we expect we will know," she said at a news conference. In his testimony, Stavridis said, "We are examining very closely the content, composition, the personalities, who are the leaders of these opposition forces."

The coalition members discussed other ways to help the rebels, like humanitarian aid and money, Clinton said. Some of the more than \$30 billion in frozen Libyan funds may be channeled to the opposition.

But a spokesman for the rebels, Mahmoud Shammam, said they would welcome arms, contending that with weaponry they would already have defeated Gadhafi's forces. "We ask for political support more than arms," Shammam said, "but if we have both, that would be good."

So far, the rebels have obtained arms from de-

fecting Gadhafi loyalists, as well as from abandoned ammunition depots.

A European diplomat said France was adamant the rebels be more heavily armed and was in discussions with the Obama administration about how France would bring this about. "We strongly believe that it should happen," said the diplomat, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich. and chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said he had had conversations with two senior administration officials about this issue. Levin said he was most concerned about how the rebels would use the weapons after a cease-fire. "Would they stop fighting if they had momentum, or would they be continuing to use those weapons?" he asked.

Gene Cretz, the U.S. ambassador to Libya, said last week that he was impressed by the democratic instincts of the opposition leaders and that he did not believe they were dominated by extremists. But he acknowledged there was no way to know if they were "100 percent kosher, so to speak."

Bruce Riedel, a former Central Intelligence Agency analyst and a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, said some who had fought as insurgents in Iraq and Afghanistan were bound to have returned home to eastern Libya. "The question we can't answer is, Are they 2 percent of the opposition? Are they 20 percent? Or are they 80 percent?" he said.

Even if the administration resolves these concerns, military officials said it was unclear to them how an effort to arm the rebels would be carried out. □

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Schools under pressure

No more paddling students



Alumni, faculty and students of St. Augustine High School demonstrate in support of corporal punishment at the Archdiocese of New Orleans headquarters, March 26, 2011. The demonstrators demanded that Archbishop Gregory Aymond reverse his recent ban on corporal punishment at the school, as they claim that paddling for minor offenses has been instrumental in helping St. Augustine build character and achieve high graduation rates.

By **DAN FROSCH**
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When Tyler Anastopoulos got in trouble for skipping detention at his high school recently, he received the same punishment that students in parts of rural Texas have been getting for generations.

Tyler, an 11th-grader from Wichita Falls, was sent to the

assistant principal and given three swift swats to the backside with a paddle, recalled Angie Herring, his mother. The blows were so severe they caused deep bruises and the boy wound up in the hospital, Herring said.

While the image of the high school principal patrolling the halls with paddle in hand

is largely of the past, corporal punishment is still alive in 20 states, according to the Center for Effective Discipline, a group that tracks its use in schools around the country and advocates for its end. Most of those states are in the South, where paddling remains engrained in the social and family fabric of some communities.

Each year, prodded by child safety advocates, state legislatures debate whether corporal punishment amounts to an archaic form of child abuse or an effective means of discipline.

This month, Tyler, who attends City View Junior/Senior High School, told his story to lawmakers in Texas, which is considering a ban on corporal punishment. The same week, legislators in New Mexico voted to end the practice there. Texas schools, Herring fumed, appear to have free rein in disciplining a student, "as long as you don't kill him."

"If I did that to my son," she said, "I'd go to jail." □



Bernard Madoff

Caribbean Ponzi schemer pleads guilty in U.S. court

MIAMI— A Jamaican financier who ran a Ponzi scheme that defrauded thousands of investors in Florida and the Caribbean out of more than \$220 million pleaded guilty on Tuesday to fraud and money laundering charges in a U.S. court.

David Smith was extradited last year from the Turks and Caicos Islands after being sentenced to six-and-a-half years in prison on similar charges.

The case marked the latest Ponzi scheme to affect inves-

tors in Florida already hit by fallout from the massive fraud scandals surrounding convicted Wall Street swindler Bernard Madoff and accused Texas con man and financier Allen Stanford.

Prosecutors say Smith, a prominent philanthropist, headed an investment scam which lured some 6,000 people whose money was eventually used to bankroll his lavish lifestyle that included a \$2 million island home, a down-payment on a Lear jet and expensive cars and jewelry.

He admitted in a plea agreement, filed in federal court in Orlando, Florida, to running a scheme that promised investors his foreign currency trading investments would yield monthly average returns of 10 percent. Smith agreed to forfeit \$128 million immediately as part of the plea deal, which also stipulates that his wife will not be charged in the case.

Smith set up an investment house more than five years ago in Jamaica called Olint, offering to pool investors' money.

It was eventually shut down before he relocated to the Turks and Caicos.

He is also linked to a Florida currency trading company.

Many prominent Jamaicans were allegedly among his victims, including leading politicians and doctors. □

In the Loughner Case

Judge reverses ruling on mental exam

By **David Schwartz**
 Associated Press

PHOENIX — A judge has ruled that he would select a psychiatrist to conduct a second, independent evaluation of Arizona shooting rampage suspect Jared Lee Loughner, reversing an earlier decision to leave the choice to defense lawyers. Loughner, who has a widely publicized history of erratic, paranoid behavior, is charged with killing six people and wounding 13 others, including an Arizona congresswoman, during a January 8 shooting spree in Tucson.

The 22-year-old college dropout already is undergoing a court-ordered psychiatric ex-



Tucson shooting rampage suspect Jared Lee Loughner

amination by medical staff at a U.S. Bureau of Prisons mental health facility in Missouri to determine if he is competent to stand trial.

U.S. District Judge Larry

Burns, in granting defense lawyers the right to conduct a second, independent exam, had ruled that the defense team could select the psychiatrist. But in court papers filed late on Monday, Burns reconsidered that ruling, saying that he would appoint that individual himself as well.

"I do have the authority to appoint more than one examiner if I find that appropriate, and I make that finding," Burns wrote in documents filed with the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Burns has said he expects a report on Loughner's mental health by May 11.

The 9th Circuit still must

make a final ruling on the issue, following an appeal by defense attorneys last week.

Loughner is accused of opening fire on U.S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords and a crowd of bystanders outside a Tucson supermarket. The Arizona Democrat survived the shooting but was left gravely wounded with a bullet wound to the head.

Loughner pleaded not guilty earlier this month to 49 federal charges, including the attempted assassination of Giffords and two counts of first-degree murder of a U.S. government employee for the deaths of a federal judge and a Giffords aide. □

In Wisconsin

Arguments resume in challenge to law



Massive crowds gather

MADISON, Wis — Opponents of Wisconsin's new law curbing the union rights of public employees were back in court on Tuesday, pursuing one of several legal challenges to the Republican-backed measure. Dane County Circuit Court Judge Maryann Sumi, who issued an injunction two weeks ago blocking the law's implementation, ruled to proceed with testimony in the case filed by the Dane County district attorney, who alleges the Republican legislators who passed the measure broke the state's strict Open Meetings

Laws. "I think this court has a duty to proceed," Sumi said. Lawyers for Republican Gov. Scott Walker, who pushed for passage of the controversial measure, have argued the court does not have jurisdiction in the case. Assistant Attorney General Maria Lazar had also argued on Tuesday that since the Republican lawmakers named in the complaint have not been served and were not in the courtroom, their due process rights were being violated. On Friday, a state agency published the law despite Sumi's

order, and the administration of Republican Governor Scott Walker has begun to implement the measure's provisions.

Walker's administration insists the publication of the law by the Legislative Reference Bureau means the law is now in effect. They also say the LRB's action did not violate Sumi's injunction because the agency was not specifically mentioned in the restraining order.

The LRB is a nonpartisan agency whose director is appointed by the leaders of the Wisconsin State Assembly and Wisconsin State Senate both Republicans who support the measure.

Democrats, organized labor and other opponents of the measure disagree and say the publication has no legal significance and that the law cannot take effect until their legal challenge is heard.

They are asking Sumi to declare Friday's action legally meaningless and to stop the Walker administration from continuing to implement the law. Separately on Tuesday, an appeals court refused a Walker administration effort to get it to sign off on the decision to publish the bill in defiance of the restraining order. □



FBI and U.S. agents

In Queens

Suspect "Holiday Bandit" bank robber is arrested

NEW YORK — A man suspected of being the "Holiday Bandit" after bank robberies this winter in New York and New Jersey was arrested in Queens on Tuesday, the FBI announced. The arrest of Marat Mikhaylich, 35, comes just a day after he allegedly held up another bank on Monday, this time in Edison, New Jersey.

"The Holiday Bandit's three-month bank robbery spree has come to an end," said FBI spokeswoman Janice Fedarcyk. "This should serve as a stark reminder to anyone who wishes to brandish a weapon, rob a bank, and put the lives of innocent civilians at risk," Fedarcyk said.

The arrest came after authorities located a Toyota Camry reportedly stolen by Mikhaylich on Monday. New York City Police reviewing film from roadside and toll-booth license plate scanners spotted the stolen car driving into Queens from New Jersey. They alerted the FBI, whose agents descended on the car and apprehended Mikhaylich without incident.

Mikhaylich, accused in nine robberies in the New York and New Jersey areas, was expected to be arraigned in Brooklyn Federal Court, Fedarcyk said. □

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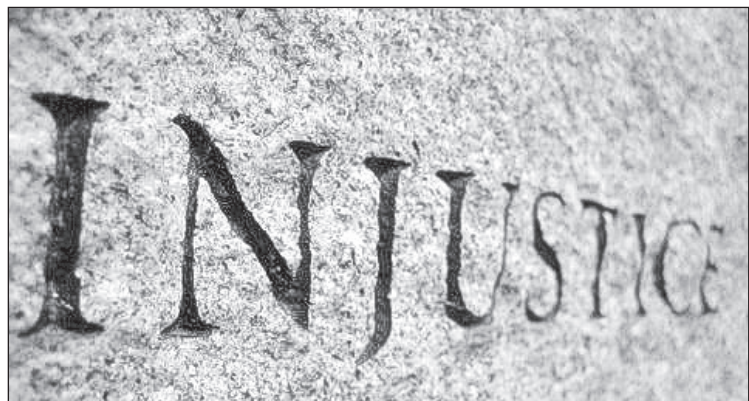
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Man dies before being paid for wrongful imprisonment



Joseph E. White should have been paid \$475,000 for wrongful imprisonment

By David Hendee
Associated Press

OMAHA, Nebraska — Joseph E. White didn't live long enough to see most of a \$500,000 settlement from the state of Nebraska for serving nearly 20 years in prison for a crime he didn't commit.

White, 48, was killed Sunday moving coal in his native Alabama. He had planned to marry his high school sweetheart in May.

White received \$25,000 from Nebraska in compensation last year for being wrongly imprisoned in the 1985 killing of an elderly woman. Legislation to pay him the remaining \$475,000 was pending Tuesday in the Nebraska legislature as part of the annual state claims bill. Also pending is White's federal lawsuit against Gage County officials.

White was the first man in Nebraska to have a murder conviction overturned through DNA evidence. He was released from prison in October 2008 and returned to his home in Alabama. The high school girlfriend to whom he first proposed in 1981 accepted this past Christmas Eve.

It was not immediately known if White's heirs could receive the money. His attorney could not be reached for comment.

White was killed while operating a crane at a coal processing plant in Tarrant, Alabama. He left the cab to dislodge a piece of stuck coal and was found crushed between the cab and a catwalk, according to the Jefferson County Coroner's Office.

In 1989, White and five others were charged in the sexual assault and death of 68-year-old Helen Wilson of Beatrice, Neb. White was the only one to maintain his innocence and insist on a jury trial. He was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison.

The others — James Dean, Kathy Gonzalez, Deb Shelden, Ada JoAnn Taylor and Thomas Winslow — pleaded guilty or no contest to reduced charges. Some of their testimony swayed the jury in White's case.

Nebraska legislation passed in 2001 allowed White to have DNA from the crime scene tested. Results of those tests found no matches for any of those convicted, who became known as the Beatrice Six. The exonerations based on DNA evidence were the first in state history and were the most nationally in a single case. □

In New Jersey

Coloring book used for jail drug smuggling

PHILADELPHIA — Three inmates and their loved ones were charged with attempting to smuggle drugs into a New Jersey jail on the pages of a children's coloring book, authorities said on Tuesday.

The drug, Subozone, normally used to treat heroin addiction but itself classified as a controlled dangerous substance, was dissolved into a paste and then painted into the coloring book, said Cape May County Sheriff Gary Schaffer. Pages with "To Daddy" scribbled on top were sent to the prisoners at the jail in Cape May, New Jersey.

"I've been in law enforcement for 38 years, and I've



Three inmates and their loved ones were charged for attempted drug smuggling

never seen anything like this," said Schaffer. Authorities received a tip drugs were being smuggled in drawings,

Schaffer said. Charged in the case were prisoners Zachary Hirsch, Charles Markham and Paul Scipione. □



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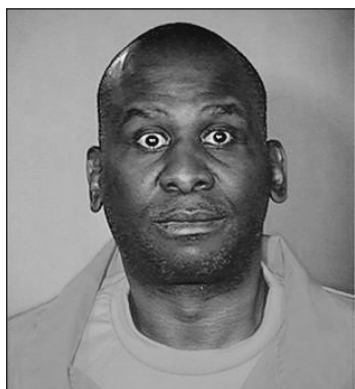
Convicted killer executed by injection

PHOENIX— A man who shot dead two convenience store workers in a robbery in 1989 was executed by lethal injection on Tuesday, after a legal challenge raising concerns over the drugs used in the execution failed.

A jury convicted Eric John King, 47, on two counts of first degree murder for shooting convenience store clerk Ron Barman and the store's security guard Richard Butts during a robbery in December 1989 that netted \$72.

King was executed at a state prison in Florence, southeast of Phoenix, Arizona Attorney General Tom Horne said in a statement. Time of death was given as 10:22 a.m. local.

"This morning the state of Ar-



Death row inmate Eric John King

izona fulfilled its most somber obligation to protect public safety by executing convicted murder Eric King by lethal injection," Horne said, adding that he was a witness to the execution.

King was the first prisoner to be put to death by Arizona this

year.

Lawyers for the death row inmate had filed a motion seeking a stay of execution pending an investigation into the way Arizona acquired two of the three drugs the state uses in lethal injection.

They argued that the Arizona Department of Corrections violated state law when it imported its supply of pancuronium bromide and sodium thiopental, which it had described in import documents as being for animal use. The appeal was denied by the state Supreme Court.

There are 130 people on death row in Arizona, which has executed 25 people since the death penalty was restored in 1992. The last execution prior to King's was in October 2010. □

In New York

Ad agency apologizes over use of firefighter photo

NEW YORK — A New York advertising agency apologized on Monday to a local firefighter for creating an ad saying he had been at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, when in fact he was not.

Robert Keiley, who joined the Fire Department of New York in 2004 and also works as a model, signed up for a photo shoot he thought was intended for a fire prevention ad, his attorney Keith Sullivan said.

Instead, his photograph appeared without his knowledge or permission in an ad for a local law firm that specializes in September 11 legal cases, with the words "I Was There." "We deeply regret any offense



9-11 U.S. Firefighter

to Mr. Keiley, other firefighters or anyone else that has been hurt by this ad," said Keith McKay, business operations manager for Barker/DZP, the agency that designed the ad.

Agency president John Barker said Barker/DZP purchased the stock photo of Keiley, which he noted was standard procedure.

"At no time did we have any idea, or could we have had any knowledge, that the person in the photo, Robert Keiley, was an actual firefighter, much less a New York City firefighter," he said in a statement.

"This unfortunate coincidence makes the ad into something we never intended it to be."

The ad appeared in a program for a charity sporting event to benefit police and fire departments.

The firefighter wants to see the ad pulled from use altogether, his attorney said.

"Our intention has only been to get this ad pulled, and this photograph destroyed, because he doesn't believe in the commercialization of 9/11," he said. "We are not seeking monetary gain." □

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U.S. drops to 3rd in clean-energy

By Timothy Gardner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States fell one spot to third place in clean-energy investment last year as the lack of a national energy policy hurt purchases in wind and solar power and other technologies, a report said on Tuesday.

China came in first and Germany second, according to the report "Who's Winning the Clean Energy Race" by the Pew Charitable Trusts, an independent, nonprofit group.

In the previous year the United States had fallen from the top spot to second place, behind China.

A comprehensive energy bill died in the U.S. Senate last July. Washington also has failed to pass national mandates for utilities to produce minimum amounts of clean power that environmentalists and some analysts say would boost confidence for alternative energy companies to invest in the country.

Private investment in U.S. clean energy totaled \$34 billion last year, the report said. That was up 51 percent from the previous year but below the \$54.4 billion invested in China and the \$41.2 billion invested in Germany.

China and Germany have minimum clean-energy targets that helped them move ahead, Pew said.

"There had been a theory out there that China was rising so fast in clean energy because of its low labor costs," Jennifer Granholm, a former Michigan governor and adviser to Pew, said in an interview. "This is not about labor costs. This is about policy." □

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ORANJESTAD - We would like to introduce Rambo to you, one of the donkeys living at the Aruban Donkey Sanctuary. Rambo was wandering around in the Jamanota vicinity together with Tootsie and Kidsy, a very dangerous place for donkeys due to traffic.

As soon as a male donkey is brought in, he is separated from the other donkeys and castrated. Well, the vet and his assistants still remember this castration! Rambo has shown them all four corners of his stable. By now things have quieted down, but Rambo is still a bit shy. He is a good friend of Azzy and Cloudy: he is their protector, it seems. His former friends Tootsie and Kidsy are not in the picture anymore: Rambo just is not interested in them. He has new friends now and has moved on.

Rambo has a chip, just like the other donkeys. This way he can be recognized and all his medical information is on it. The donkeys at the sanctuary are well-cared for: they get their food and drink and when they are sick the vet is called. Yes, they are expensive customers. The volunteers try to cover the cost through organizing all kinds of activities and by selling nice souvenirs in the store. Fortunately there are visitors who adopt a donkey now and then, who donate money or who buy something in the store.

They help keep the sanctuary afloat that way. □

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ORANJESTAD - Cartier Aruba recently invited the Chairman of the foundation 'Ban Uni Man pa Cria nos Muchanan', Mr. John Fun, to its Boutique in honor of a special donation by Cartier. A year ago Cartier designed a special charity bracelet of which 20% of the retail price would be donated to said foundation. 'Ban Uni Man pa Cria nos Muchanan' is a foundation that donates breakfast to schoolchildren whose parents cannot provide this for them. The foundation receives no subsidy from the Government and is totally dependent on donations. That is why Cartier Aruba chose to support this foundation. Customers that bought this bracelet, both locals and tourists, were also delighted to support this humanitarian act.

'Ban Uni Man pa Cria nos Muchanan' started in 2001

supporting 138 children in 12 schools. Now, 10 years later, 'Ban Uni Man pa Cria nos Muchanan' delivers breakfast to 617 children in 44 schools every school day! Many people do not realize that Aruba has so many children that go to school on an empty stomach. If you would also like to help the foundation and the children, you can donate 25 Florins per month.

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Man pa Cria nos Muchanan, tel. 587 4300, extension 338 or 339. Attached an image of the bracelet (a Love ring in 18 karat pink gold and one diamond that is strung on a white silk cord) and of the moment that Mr. John Fun, chairman of the foundation, receives

the check from Lydia Rangel, Sales Manager of the Cartier Boutique, in the presence of Liesbeth Manichand, Marketing Manager for Cartier and Gandelman together with Mirelfa Kelly and Minerva Schaap, Sales staff of Cartier Boutique Aruba. □



At The Westin Resort & Casino, Aruba top performers on the job recognized



PALM BEACH - Recently, all associates and management of The Westin Resort & Casino, Aruba were invited to attend a special luncheon in the resort's Palm Beach Ballroom in honor of the nominees for Brand Champion of the Month for February, 2010. The Brand Champion of the Month nominees were tapped by management for exemplifying Westin's core values including providing personal touches and personalized services to 'surprise and delight' every guest, proactively anticipating guests' needs and making them feel special, and recognizing the special touches offered by Westin to help guests restore the body, expand the mind, and elevate the spirit so they leave not only rested, but also renewed and enriched. The nominated associates are recognized for inspiring their co-workers and making the extra efforts to improve their departments



and go above and beyond expectations. During a beautiful lunch buffet spread produced by the Westin's culinary and banquet teams, the following were named top of the class: From Heart of the House for February-Giovannie Mercera from Engineering for his tremendous contributions during several event functions at the resort, where he tended to the additional electricity and lighting requirements, allowing the banquet staff to focus

their undivided attention on the setup and tend to guests' needs; for Front of the House for February- Juan "Iti" Penja from Luggage Service for his team spirit and positive attitude, and his great organizational skills when dealing with the sometimes hectic times when groups are checking in and out, and his willingness to work long hours to ensure a smooth checkout for guests. Congratulations to all nominees and winners! □

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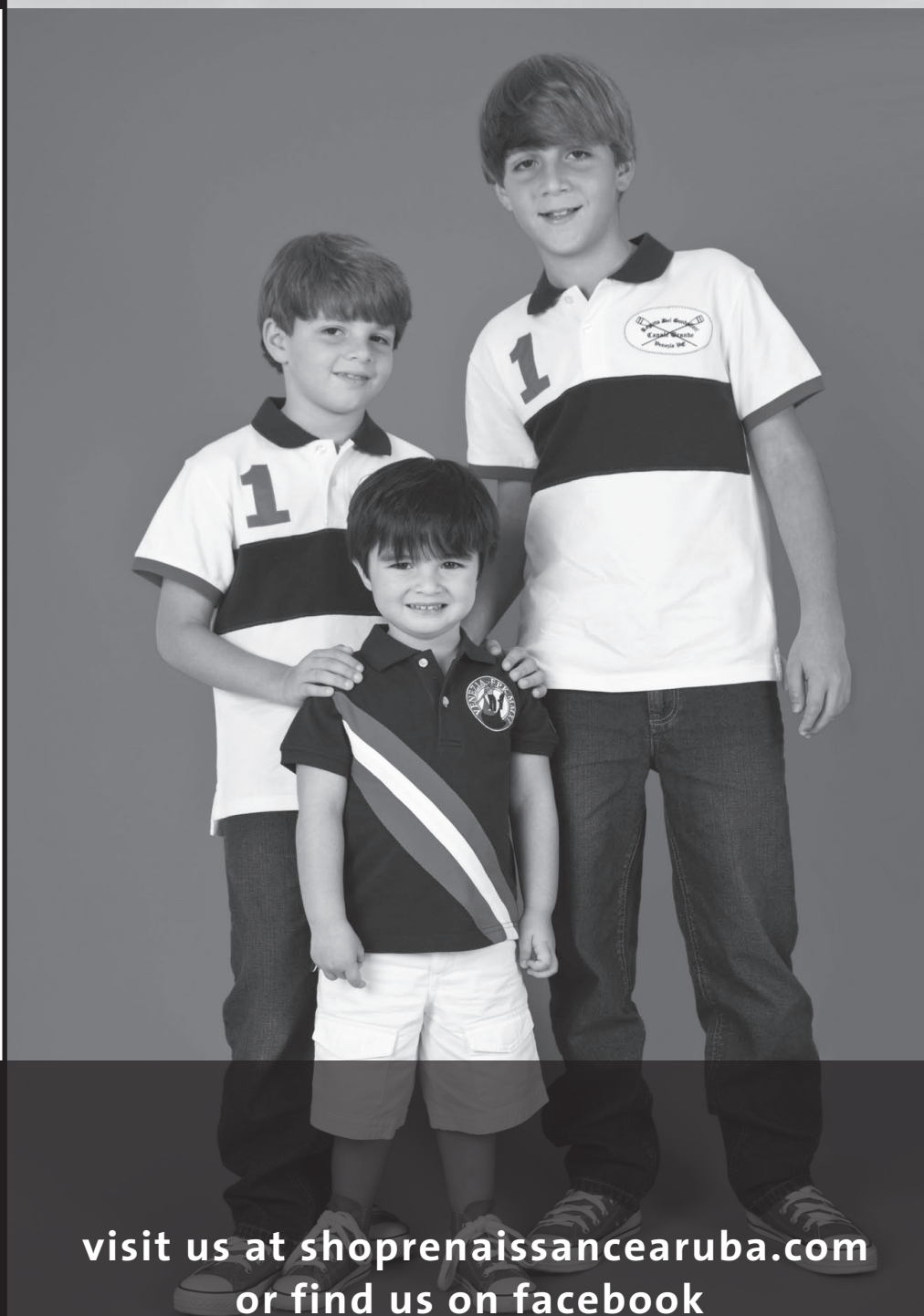
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Padu's 80th birthday celebrated at Amazonia



PALM BEACH – Theodor ‘Padu’ Orman was given an elegant 80th birthday celebration at Amazonia Churrascaria, surrounded by his close family members, his children, their spouses, and their children. Padu who worked for WEB, the water desalinization company is now retired many years, and as watching TV is one of his favorite hobbies, he received a giant flat screen from his loving children, who booked the private dining room at Amazonia Churrascaria on the occasion of his birthday. When asked for his secret of longevity and good health, Padu points at his wife Haydia Orman, wonderful wife and grandma. The family enjoyed a leisurely dinner together, and loved the Happy Birthday celebration staged by the carvers and servers in honor of the octogenarian patriarch. □

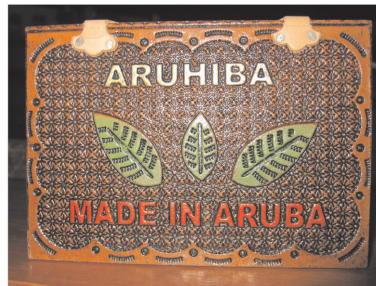
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ORANJESTAD- Benjamin Petrocchi started the newest export product of Aruba, locally produced

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he started his own production and cultivation of Aruhiba Cigars in Aruba. The process took ten years. Petrocchi dedication to the cigars is important for the molding and process of making a perfect cigar which takes a long time. The cigar box is specially designed for the cigars with the logo “Aruhiba”. Petrocchi considers Aruhiba a promotion for Aruba through fine quality cigars. The company sells International cigars as well. Buy a gift box of Aruhiba Corona with five

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Very successful Airside Safety Week 2011



ORANJESTAD - Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) is very satisfied that the Airside Safety Week 2011 received great attendance from the airport community to all the lectures.

It was a week filled with valuable and relevant information and lectures for those who work on the airside of the airport, and also for those who

got to know a bit more about the works and safety aspects on the airside of the airport. The Airside Safety Council looks back at a very successful week, thanks to the cooperation received by the companies that together prepared the Airside Safety Week 2011. It's thanks to the companies that work at the airport that the Airside Safety Week was



filled with interesting lectures, attractive prizes for those who attended and new materials for the lectures. At the end of the successful week AAA's CEO, Mr. Peter

Steinmetz thanked everyone who in some way helped organize the 6th Airside Safety Week and also those who attended the lectures in the past week: "Thanks to your efforts

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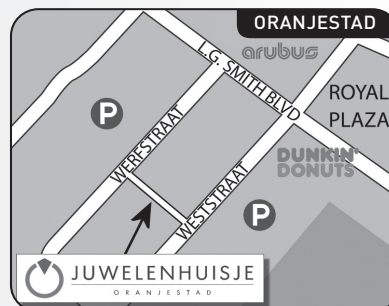
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The dangers of lumping our friends in with our enemies



Muslim Americans

By Zeba Khan

Associated Press

Toledo, Ohio — Remember when your parents used to drag you out of bed for Sunday school? I do. Despite my best efforts to persuade my parents to let me sleep in, growing up in a religious, middle class, Muslim American home meant I attended mosque every weekend for nearly a decade. So when Rep. Peter King (R) of New York and others insist that 85 percent of mosques in this country are being run by extremists and are breeding grounds for homegrown terrorists, I have to wonder: Was my childhood mosque just an anomaly that functioned more like a church than one of those terrorist-producing institutions?

Extremists and those susceptible to being influenced by them will always exist on the fringes of any religious or political community. But casting suspicion on millions of Muslim Americans and their places of worship because of fringe elements not only goes against our American ideals but also unduly burdens and thus weakens a first line of defense against extremism: Muslim Americans.

Members of my family have been involved in our mosque's leadership for as long as I can remember, from working with the architect who designed the mosque to interviewing potential imams to serving on the board of elders. But in addition to being active members of our local faith community, these same individuals often looked beyond the walls

of the mosque to serve the wider public good, whether that meant helping newly arrived immigrants assimilate into American society, serving food to the poor at the downtown soup kitchen, or campaigning for mayoral candidates in our town.

More religious, more civic engagement To Mr. King and his supporters, my childhood mosque would appear to be the exception to the vast majority of American mosques that King has described as controlled by "extremist leadership" and breeding grounds for radical views. But from visiting numerous mosques in the US and listening to the stories of Muslim American friends from all over the country, I know the strong connection between being involved in a mosque and being civically engaged is not at all uncommon. Recent research suggests a similar finding.

According to the Muslim American Public Opinion Survey, the largest study of Muslim Americans to date, levels of civic and political engagement rise with mosque participation. The study shows that there is a 53 percent increase in civic engagement for Muslim Americans who are heavily involved in their mosque over Muslim Americans who are not involved in mosques at all.

The study also found that the more religious a Muslim American was, the more likely he was to be politically informed and to have favorable views of the American political system. □

Could Michele Bachmann win Iowa?

New York — The Minnesota congresswoman sets her sights on the key first-in-the-nation caucus and some say social conservatives could carry her to a surprise victory

Though some on the Left mock Rep. Michele Bachmann, pollsters are taking her quite seriously. Among potential 2012 GOP presidential contenders, the Minnesota congresswoman now rivals Mike Huckabee for the most intense support, according to a Gallup poll, and some are saying she could win the Iowa caucuses. The Tea Party favorite was born in the socially conservative state, and has made four trips there in the past year. Last week, she rallied crowds at Rep. Steve King's Conservative Principles Conference by telling them: "I am an Iowan!" Huckabee's 2008 Iowa win, of course, elevated him from an unheard-of outsider to a GOP front-runner. Can Bachmann pull it off this time?



U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann

Yes. She's got what it takes to win: Bachmann won't just be a "game-changer in Iowa," says Katrina Trinko at the National Review, she could "possibly win the caucuses." Not only does she have the social-conservative credentials, but "she's also proven her appeal to more fiscally oriented voters" by founding the congressional Tea Party caucus. Add that to her Iowa ties, and she's

likely to be a "formidable competitor."

No. She's no match for Huckabee: Bachmann may be flavor of the month, says Doug Mataconis at Outside the Beltway, but Huckabee is still the front-runner. He tops the polls among Republican presidential prospects, is well liked by Fox News viewers, and runs strongest head-to-head against Obama. □

Is Boston in danger?

Radioactive rain from Japan

NEW YORK — Small amounts of radiation are found in rainwater from California to Massachusetts. Does it pose a health threat?

Trace levels of radiation have been detected in samples of rainwater in Boston. Researchers say it's almost certainly coming from Japan's Fukushima nuclear power plant, which was severely damaged by the 9.0-magnitude earthquake and tsunami earlier this month. Is the contamination bad enough to pose a health concern here in the U.S.? Here, a brief guide: Not very.

Only trace amounts of radiation have been detected. Radiation from natural sources, such as the sun and uranium in rocks, can be 100,000 times higher. Plus, Massachusetts authorities didn't find radiation in the air near the spot where they detected radiation in rainwater.

Tests by the Environmental Protection Agency have found radiation in rainwater at dozens of other testing sites in-

cluding in California and Nevada but the levels there are also extremely low.

No. "We're talking about many orders of magnitude below what we would consider a risk," says Nevada radiation physicist Eric Matus, as quoted in The Wall Street Journal. Massachusetts health authorities say kids can still play safely in the rain, pets can still drink rainwater, and people can continue eating vegetables from their gardens.

Maybe a little, but not much. Scientists believe the radiation we're seeing now was probably emitted when Japan's crisis was at its worst. Iodine-131, the radioactive isotope detected in the rainwater samples, has a half-life of just eight days, so any current contamination will soon dissolve to an undetectable level. And a nuclear engineering professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology says that even if the Japanese plant experienced a complete meltdown, radioactive rainwater would be unlikely to pose a health



Radioactive rain

threat in Massachusetts.

Yes scientists have little doubt the contamination drifted across the Pacific from Japan.

Researchers at Case Western Reserve University in Ohio found trace amounts of iodine-131 that match what was leaked from the damaged Fukushima reactors.

Indeed, the scientists were expecting radioactive rain from Japan, says Case Western professor Gerald Matisoff. "We knew that the weather pattern was bringing it in this direction." □



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Syria offers concessions amid wave of unrest

By ZEINA KARAM
Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria – Facing an extraordinary wave of popular dissent, Syrian President Bashar Assad fired his Cabinet on Tuesday and promised to end widely despised emergency laws concessions unlikely to appease protesters demanding sweeping reforms in one of the most hard-line nations in the Middle East. The overtures, while largely symbolic, are a moment of rare compromise in the Assad family's 40 years of iron-fisted rule. Security forces monitor and control nearly every aspect of society in Syria, and the feared secret police crush even the smallest rumblings of opposition. Draconian laws have all but eradicated civil liberties and political freedoms. But with the protests that erupted in Syria on March 18, thousands of Syrians appear to have broken through a barrier of fear in this tightly controlled nation of 23 million.



Pro-Syrian President Bashar Assad supporters

"Syria stands at a crossroads," said Aktham Nuaiss, one of Syria's leading human rights activists. "Either the president takes immediate, drastic reform measures, or the country descends into one of several ugly scenarios. If he is willing to lead Syria into a real democratic transformation, he will be met halfway by the Syrian people." The coming days will be key to determining whether Assad's concessions will quiet the pro-

test movement, which began more than a week ago after security forces arrested several teenagers who scrawled anti-government graffiti on a wall in the impoverished, drought-parched city of Daraa in the south. The protests spread to other provinces and the government launched a swift crackdown, killing more than 60 people since March 18, according to Human Rights Watch. The violence has eased in the past few days and some observers

believe the demonstrations might quickly die out if the president's promises appear genuine. Still, tensions are high in Daraa, where several hundred people are still staging a sit-in, and in the Mediterranean port of Latakia, which has a potentially volatile mix of different

religious groups. Assad, who inherited power 11 years ago from his father, appears to be following the playbook of other autocratic leaders in the region who scrambled to put down popular uprisings by using both concessions and brutal crackdowns. □

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Gaddafi troops reverse Libyan rebels

By Maria Golovkina
Associated Press

TRIPOLI – Muammar Gaddafi's better armed and organized troops reversed the westward charge of rebels and world powers meeting in London piled pressure on the Libyan leader to end his 41-year rule.

British Prime Minister David Cameron, opening the London conference, accused Libyan troops of "murderous attacks," while U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said military strikes would press on until Gaddafi loyalists ceased violence. "All of us must continue to increase the pressure on and deepen the isolation of the Gaddafi regime through other means as well," Clinton said after the London talks finished. "This includes a unified front of political and diplomatic pressure that makes clear to Gaddafi that he must go," she said.

The United States is scaling back to a "supporting role" to let NATO take full command from U.S. forces but air strikes by U.S., French and British planes remain key to smash-

ing Gaddafi's armor and facilitating rebel advances.

It took five days of allied air strikes to pulverize Libyan government tanks around the town of Ajdabiyah before Gaddafi's troops fled and the rebels rushed in and began their 300-km, two-day dash across the desert to within 80 km of the Gaddafi loyalist stronghold of Sirte.

But the rebel pick-up truck cavalcade was first ambushed, then outflanked by Gaddafi troops. The advance stopped and government forces retook the small town of Nawfaliyah, 120 km east of Sirte.

"The Gaddafi guys hit us with Grads and they came round our flanks," Ashraf Mohamed, a 28-year-old rebel wearing a bandolier of bullets, told a AP reporter at the front. The sporadic thud of heavy weapons could be heard as dozens of civilian cars sped eastwards away from the fight. Later, a hail of machinegun and rocket fire hit rebel positions. As the onslaught began, rebels leapt behind sand dunes to fire back. After a few minutes they gave up, jumped into

their pick-up trucks and sped off back toward the town of Bin Jawad. Shells landed near the road as they retreated.

A rebel spokeswoman in the main rebel stronghold of Benghazi said that the front line was now just west of Bin Jawad, 25 km east of Nawfaliyah.

Without air strikes it appears the rebels are not able to make advances or even hold ground. Reports that some Nawfaliyah residents had fought alongside government troops are an ominous sign for world powers hoping for a swift end to Gaddafi's rule.

Britain said the international partners meeting in London agreed to continue their military mission until Gaddafi complied with all terms of a U.N. resolution to protect civilians.

They also agreed to set up a contact group, including Arab states, to give political guidance for the response to the war and coordinate long-term support to Libya. The Gulf Arab state of Qatar agreed to convene a first meeting as soon as possible. □

At least 53 dead

Iraqi forces end gunmen's siege

By Aseel Kami
Associated Press

BAGHDAD – At least 53 people were killed on Tuesday when gunmen took hostages at a provincial council headquarters in Saddam Hussein's hometown, precipitating a battle with security forces who swept in to end the siege.

It was one of the deadliest attacks in Tikrit since a suicide bombing killed up to 60 police recruits in January and was the first hostage incident since 52 people were killed in a Baghdad church raid by al Qaeda-linked gunmen last October.

The assailants set off car bombs, explosive belts and hand grenades as they stormed into the building and grabbed hostages, local officials said. Hostages who did not die as a result of explosions were executed by the gunmen, they said.

The toll from the attack stood at 56 people killed and 98 wounded, said Jasim al-Dulaimi, head of the health operations center in the northern Iraqi province of Salahuddin.

Raed Ibrahim, head of the health department in the northern Iraqi province of Salahuddin, put the death toll at 53 and said that police were among the dead.

Sabah al-Bazee, a freelance Iraqi journalist who worked for AP and other media, was among those killed, as were three council members and seven insurgents.

"The raid by the forces has been done," Dulaimi said.

He said it was difficult to identify all the bodies as many were charred as a result of bombs used by gunmen, who were wearing security force uniforms, when they seized the building.

A local government official and an eyewitness said Iraqi security forces stormed the building, touching off a gunbattle, and part of the building was on fire. □

At stricken nuclear plant

Japan finds plutonium in soil

By Chizu Nomiya
Associated Press

TOKYO – Plutonium found in soil at the Fukushima nuclear complex heightened alarm on Tuesday over Japan's battle to contain the world's worst atomic crisis in 25 years, as pressure mounted on the prime minister to widen an evacuation zone around the plant. Some opposition lawmakers blasted Naoto Kan in parliament for his handling of the disaster and for not widening the exclusion zone. Kan said he was seeking advice on such a step, which would force 130,000 people to move in addition to 70,000 already displaced. The drama at the six-reactor facility has compounded Japan's agony after an earthquake and tsunami on March 11 left more than 28,000 people dead or missing in the devastated northeast.



Survivor takes rest at shelter

In a gesture of support, France said it had sent two nuclear experts to Japan to help contain the accident and French President Nicolas Sarkozy will visit on Thursday for a meeting with Kan. France is the world's most nuclear-dependent country, producing 75 percent of its power needs from 58 nuclear reactors, and selling state-owned Areva's reactors around the world. Sarkozy will be the first for-

eign leader to visit since the earthquake. In the latest blow to hopes authorities were gradually getting the plant under control, operator Tokyo Electric Power Co said plutonium was found at low-risk levels in soil samples at the facility. A by-product of atomic reactions and also used in nuclear bombs, plutonium is highly carcinogenic and one of the most dangerous substances on the planet, experts say. □



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Prime Minister's computer hacked



Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard

SYDNEY – Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard's parliamentary computer and the foreign and defence ministers' machines are all suspected of being hacked, with China under suspicion, reports said Tuesday. Sydney's Daily Telegraph said American intelligence officials tipped off the government that several thousand emails may have been accessed from the computers of at least 10 ministers. As well as Gillard, they reportedly included Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd and Defence Minister Stephen Smith. The paper said the espionage occurred over more than a

month, beginning in February. "Four separate government sources confirmed that they had been told Chinese intelligence agencies were among a list of foreign hackers that are under suspicion," it said. One of the sources said the revelations were "deeply concerning". "These claims need to be examined seriously," they said. Security experts cited by another News Limited newspaper, The Australian, said they believed the hackers may have been looking for clues on government attitudes to major resource projects. Intelligent Risk chief executive Neil Fergus said interest

in Australian commercial secrets may have prompted the attacks.

"There are massive resources projects on the drawing board in Australia, they loom very large in the thinking of a number of other countries," he said.

"Whether we green-light projects is of critical importance. I would not understate the possibility of that, given Australia's resources boom and its importance to a number of our key trading partners."

Attorney-General Robert McClelland refused to confirm or deny the incident.

"It's the long standing practice of successive Australian governments not to comment on the operations of security and intelligence agencies," he said in a statement.

"Australia's security and intelligence agencies, as a matter of course, work closely and co-operatively with their international counterparts on cyber security.

"The Australian government takes the issue of cyber security very seriously and is constantly strengthening cyber security measures," he said. Gillard similarly refused to comment when asked by reporters in Perth. □

Libya woman being sued by her alleged attackers



Woman claims attack by Libyan forces

TRIPOLI – A Libyan woman who said she had been raped by pro-government militia-men is being sued for slander for naming her alleged attackers.

Government spokesman Musa Ibrahim said the woman, Eman al-Obaidi, faced court action because she had publicly named the men she accused of raping her.

"In Islam this is very serious when you accuse someone of a sexual crime," said Ibrahim. "She named the accused publicly and they are suing her." Obaidi burst into a hotel full of foreign journalists in Tripoli Saturday and told them, weeping, that she had been

held for two days and raped by 15 militiamen loyal to Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi.

After being intimidated and subdued by security men and hotel staff,

who also beat journalists trying to interview her in the hotel restaurant, Obaidi was bundled into a car and driven away.

Her allegations have not been independently verified.

The government said Sunday that Obaidi had been released and she was with her family.

Obaidi's mother said she had been asked to convince her daughter to retract the allegations in return for her freedom and cash or a new home. □

Tools For Thinking



By **DAVID BROOKS**
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A few months ago, Steven Pinker of Harvard asked a smart question: What scientific concept would improve everybody's cognitive toolkit? The good folks at Edge.org organized a symposium, and 164 thinkers contributed suggestions. John McWhorter, a linguist at Columbia University, wrote that people should be more aware of path dependence. This refers to the notion that often "something that seems normal or inevitable today began with a choice that made sense at a particular time in the past, but survived despite the eclipse of the justification for that choice." For instance, typewriters used to jam if people typed too fast, so the manufacturers designed a keyboard that would slow typists. We no longer have typewriters, but we are stuck with the letter arrangements of the qwerty keyboard. Path dependence explains many linguistic patterns and mental categories, McWhorter continues. Many people worry about the way email seems to degrade writing skills. But there is nothing about email that forbids people from using the literary style of 19th-century letter writers. In the 1960s, language became less formal, and now anybody who uses the old manner is regarded as an eccentric. Evgeny Morozov, the author of "The Net Delusion," nominated the Einstellung Effect, the idea that we often try to solve problems by using solutions that worked in the past instead of looking at each situation on its own terms. This effect is especially powerful in foreign affairs, where

each new conflict is viewed through the prism of Vietnam or Munich or the cold war or Iraq. Daniel Kahneman of Princeton University writes about the Focusing Illusion, which holds that "nothing in life is as important as you think it is while you are thinking about it." He continues: "Education is an important determinant of income — one of the most important — but it is less important than most people think. If everyone had the same education, the inequality of income would be reduced by less than 10 percent. When you focus on education you neglect the myriad of other factors that determine income. The differences of income among people who have the same education are huge." Joshua Greene, a philosopher and neuroscientist at Harvard University, has a brilliant entry on Supervenience. Imagine a picture on a computer screen of a dog sitting in a rowboat. It can be described as a picture of a dog, but at a different level it can be described as an arrangement of pixels and colors. The relationship between the two levels is asymmetric. The same image can be displayed at different sizes with different pixels. The high-level properties (dogness) supervene the low-level properties (pixels). Supervenience, Greene continues, helps explain things like the relationship between science and the humanities. Humanists fear that scientists are taking over their territory and trying to explain everything. But new discoveries about the brain don't explain Macbeth. The products of the mind supervene the mechanisms of the brain. The humanities can be informed by the cognitive sciences even as they supervene them. If I were presumptuous enough to nominate a few entries, I'd suggest the Fundamental Attribution Error: Don't try to explain by character traits behavior that is better explained by context. I'd also nominate the distinction between emotion and arousal. □

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So here we are pouring shiploads of cash into yet another war, this time in Libya, while simultaneously demolishing school budgets, closing libraries, laying off teachers and police officers, and generally letting the bottom fall out of the quality of life here at home. Welcome to America in the second decade of the 21st century. An army of long-term unemployed workers is spread across the land, the human fallout from the Great Recession and long years of misguided economic policies. Optimism is in short supply. The few jobs now being created too often pay a pittance, not nearly enough to pry open the doors to a middle-class standard of living. Arthur Miller, echoing the poet Archibald MacLeish, liked to say that the essence of America was its promises. That was a long time ago. Limitless greed, unrestrained corporate power and a fero-

Losing Our Way

cious addiction to foreign oil have led us to an era of perpetual war and economic decline. Young people today are staring at a future in which they will be less well off than their elders, a reversal of fortune that should send a shudder through everyone. The U.S. has not just misplaced its priorities. When the most powerful country ever to inhabit the earth finds it so easy to plunge into the horror of warfare but almost impossible to find adequate work for its people or to properly educate its young, it has lost its way entirely. Nearly 14 million Americans are jobless, and the outlook for many of them is grim. Since there is just one job available for every five individuals looking for work, four of the five are out of luck. Instead of a land of opportunity, the U.S. is increasingly becoming a place of limited expectations. A college professor in Washington told me this week that graduates from his program were finding jobs, but they were not making very much money, certainly not enough to think about raising a family. There is plenty of economic activity in the U.S., and plenty of wealth. But like greedy children, the folks at the top are seizing virtually all the marbles. Income and wealth

inequality in the U.S. have reached stages that would make the Third World blush. As the Economic Policy Institute has reported, the richest 10 percent of Americans received an unconscionable 100 percent of the average income growth in the years 2000 to 2007, the most recent extended period of economic expansion. Americans behave as if this is somehow normal or acceptable. It shouldn't be and didn't used to be. Through much of the post-World War II era, income distribution was far more equitable, with the top 10 percent of families accounting for just a third of average income growth, and the bottom 90 percent receiving two-thirds. That seems like ancient history now. The current maldistribution of wealth is also scandalous. In 2009, the richest 5 percent claimed 63.5 percent of the nation's wealth. The overwhelming majority, the bottom 80 percent, collectively held just 12.8 percent. This inequality, in which an enormous segment of the population struggles while the fortunate few ride the gravy train, is a world-class recipe for social unrest. Downward mobility is an ever-shortening fuse leading to profound consequences. □

Muralitharan repeats his test match trick finale

Sri Lankan spin bowler Muttiah Muralitharan acknowledges the crowd along with his team mates after their win over New Zealand in the Cricket World Cup semifinal match between New Zealand and Sri Lanka in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Tuesday, March 29, 2011.

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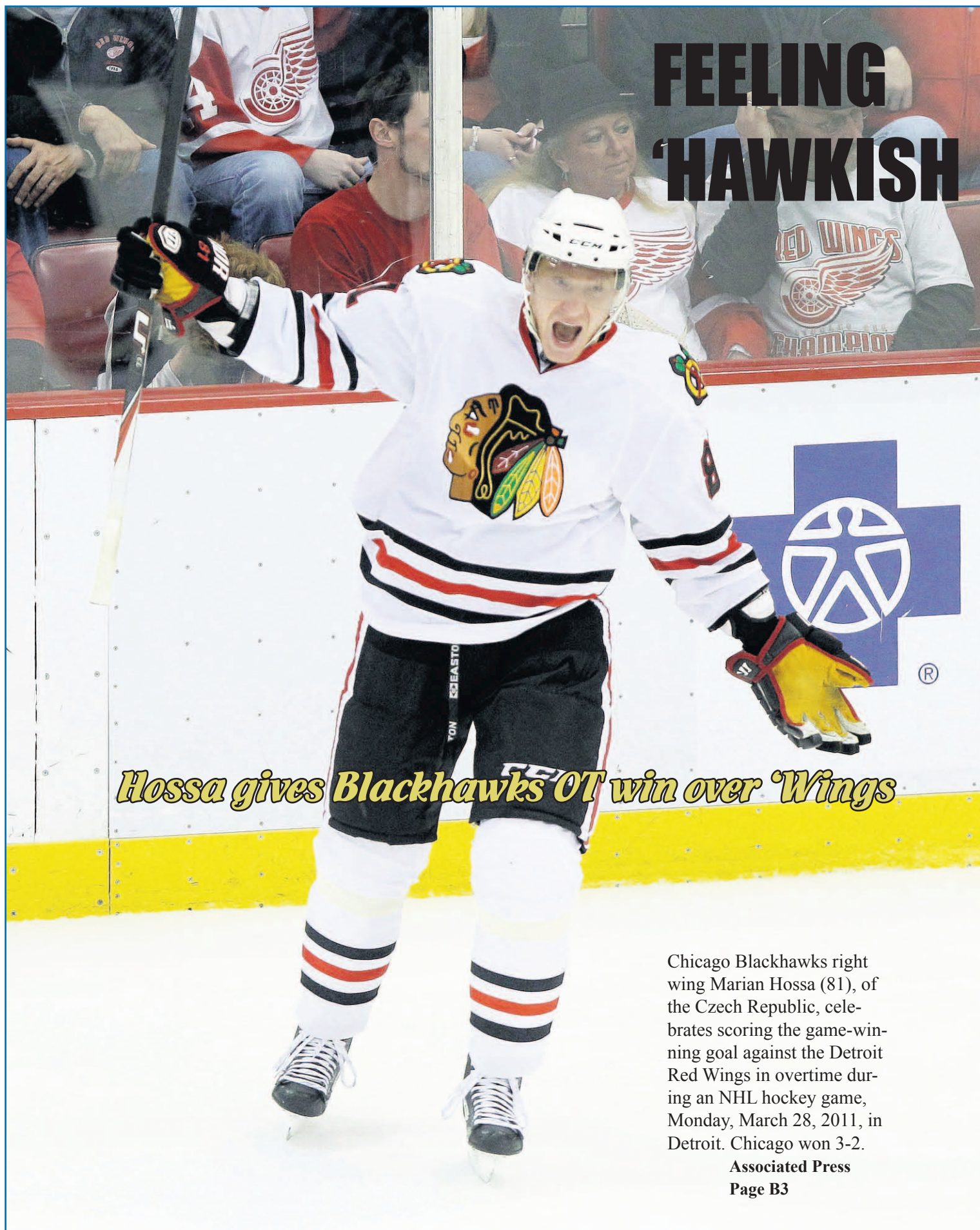
Mardy Fish of the USA serves to Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina at the Sony Ericsson Open tennis tournament in Key Biscayne, Fla., Tuesday, March 29, 2011.

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Fish beats del Potro at Key Biscayne

STEVEN WINE, AP Sports Writer
KEY BISCAYNE, Florida (AP) — Mardy Fish of the United States has reached the quarterfinals at the Sony Ericsson Open for the first time in his 12-year career by beating Juan Martin del Potro 7-5, 7-6 (5). Fish hit 38 winners and lost serve only once on Tuesday to outlast del Potro in a 2½-hour slugfest in humid, 85-degree F (30-degree C) sunshine. The 29-year-old Fish will overtake Andy Roddick and become the top-ranked American for the first time if he beats No. 6 David Ferrer in the next round on Wednesday.

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FEELING 'HAWKISH

Hossa gives Blackhawks OT win over 'Wings

Chicago Blackhawks right wing Marian Hossa (81), of the Czech Republic, celebrates scoring the game-winning goal against the Detroit Red Wings in overtime during an NHL hockey game, Monday, March 28, 2011, in Detroit. Chicago won 3-2.

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Sri Lanka into final, ensures an Asian Cup winner



Sri Lanka's batsman Thilan Samaraweera, left, and Mahela Jayawardene celebrate their victory in the Cricket World Cup semifinal match between Sri Lanka and New Zealand in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Tuesday, March 29, 2011. Associated Press

JOHN PYE,
AP Sports Writer

MOHALI, India (AP) — Sri Lanka's five-wicket victory over New Zealand in the first semifinal has ensured one of the subcontinental cricket superpowers will win the World Cup.

Half centuries from Tilla-

karatne Dilshan (73) and Kumar Sangakkara (54) helped the Sri Lankans secure a spot in Saturday's final against either India or Pakistan.

Legendary offspinner Muttiah Muralitharan chipped in, taking a wicket with his final delivery on home soil as New Zealand was dismissed for

217.

After a middle-order wobble, Sri Lanka finished 220 for five with two overs to spare. Archrivals India and Pakistan meet Wednesday in the border state of Punjab in a semifinal that has all the makings of an epic encounter.

The prime ministers of both countries will be in Mohali for the match, ending a diplomatic stalemate that has existed since the terror attacks on Mumbai in 2008, which India blames on Pakistan-based militants. Thousands of police, paramilitary and commandos have been deployed in and around Mohali to ensure security. There's no hotel vacancies in or around the venue and tickets have been sold out for a week, with reports of resellers asking for more than 100 times the face value on the black market.

The Pakistan government has decreed an official half day, meaning workplaces will close down at noon so everyone can watch the match which is expected to have a global TV audience exceeding 1 billion.

Sangakkara's Sri Lankans will be among those watching, able to relax at home before heading to Mumbai, the

financial and entertainment hub of India.

The 38-year-old Muralitharan, who is aiming to be the first Sri Lankan to win two World Cup titles, will get some deserved time off to rest his hamstring and thigh injuries. He was part of the Sri Lankan team that upset cricket's world order by winning the 1996 final over Australia at Lahore, Pakistan, in the last tournament staged in Asia.

The world's leading wicket-taker picked up 2-42 against the New Zealanders, who lost a World Cup semifinal for the sixth time. The Kiwis have never reached the final.

"We scrapped pretty hard and gave ourselves a chance, but we just missed out," New Zealand captain Daniel Vettori said. "The top order really set it up. We needed to be better."

Dilshan is the leading scorer in the tournament and has contributed heavily to Sri Lanka's winning run, including an unbeaten century in the 10-wicket quarterfinal victory over England. In fact, the top three Sri Lankan batsmen are among the five leading runscoreers in the tournament, which exposes a minor problem for Sri Lanka. The middle

order has had so little time on the pitch that a wobble on Tuesday, when Sri Lanka lost four wickets for 25 runs, suddenly made the semifinal more interesting.

But Thilan Samaraweera and Angelo Mathews calmly combined to guide the co-hosts home as fireworks erupted over Colombo's Premadasa Stadium.

Sangakkara said Sri Lanka would take the positives out of a tough match against New Zealand.

"The pressure was building a bit, we lost quick wickets," he said. But, "It's Murali's last game. Everyone was pumped to make sure we gave him a good send off from Sri Lanka." Sangakkara praised Muralitharan for his contribution to Sri Lanka over almost two decades.

"He's THE icon of Sri Lanka," Sangakkara said, "as a champion on the field, and off the field. As a human being and a cricketer."

"He's the ultimate team man. You can't ask for anything more." Sangakkara said the Sri Lankans, who lost heavily to Australia in the final of the last edition in the Caribbean, would be more focused on the Mumbai decider. □

MLB institutes 7-day DL for concussions

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI
AP Baseball Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — A seven-day disabled list for concussions wouldn't have done Aaron Hill much good when the Toronto Blue Jays second baseman missed the final four months of 2008 with the injury. That didn't stop him from saying the move, and several other guidelines instituted by Major League Baseball on Tuesday, was another positive sign the sport is doing more and more to address concussions.

MLB and the players' union announced a new set of protocols that take effect on open-

ing day to deal with concussions, including the creation of the new seven-day disabled list that should give team doctors and the injured players more flexibility to address head injuries.

"I think it's good they're paying more attention to these things because they're seeing the long-term effects concussions can have on players," Hill said before the Blue Jays played an exhibition game against Baltimore. "Not just baseball, but all sports. So, it's a good thing they're looking into it."

It's the latest in a series of moves by professional sports

leagues to address an injury that doctors, players and executives are only beginning to fully understand. The NFL started imposing heavy fines and threatening suspensions for hits that were deemed illegal or dangerous last season. And NHL officials earlier this month recommended tighter enforcement of boarding and charging penalties in an effort to reduce concussions.

The joint statement from MLB and the union establishes mandatory baseline testing for all players and umpires and new steps for evaluating players who may have suffered the injury and for hav-



Minnesota Twins first baseman Justin Morneau tips his cap as he looks into the Pittsburgh Pirates dugout during the second inning of a spring training baseball game in Fort Myers, Fla., Monday, March 28, 2011. Associated Press

ing them return to action.

The new disabled list is in addition to the 15- and 60-day DLs that already exist. Any player needing more than 14 days to recover will automatically be transferred to the 15-

day disabled list.

"It really is comports our disabled lists with the reality of management of concussions," MLB senior vice president of labor Dan Halem said. □

NHL Roundup

Selanne's 5-point night leads Ducks past Avs

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Teemu Selanne had three goals and two assists, and rookie Cam Fowler scored the tiebreaking power-play goal early in the third period as the Anaheim Ducks beat the Colorado Avalanche 5-4 Monday for their eighth victory in 10 games. Selanne scored his first penalty-shot goal in 18 years during Anaheim's three-goal second period before completing his 22nd career hat trick on a

power play with 4:49 to play. The 40-year-old Finnish Flash had his ninth career five-point game for the surging Ducks, who stayed one point in front of defending Stanley Cup champion Chicago for seventh place in the West. Ryan O'Reilly, Matt Duchene, David Jones and Paul Stastny scored for the Avalanche, who have lost 23 of 26 since late January. Jason Blake also scored and Ray Emery made 31 saves

for the Ducks. Selanne is the fourth NHL player in his 40s to get a hat trick, his 13th with Anaheim and his first since Oct. 29, 2008.

Blackhawks 3, Red Wings 2, OT

At Detroit, Marian Hossa scored from a power play 51 seconds into overtime to lift Chicago to a win over Detroit. Henrik Zetterberg was called for hooking Patrick Kane with 3.7 seconds left, putting Chicago on the power play to begin the extra session. The Blackhawks took advantage on Hossa's shot from the left circle — his first goal against Detroit as an ex-Red Wing — off a pass from Kane.

The defending Stanley Cup champions improved their precarious playoff positioning with their third win in four games. They began the night in eighth place, barely ahead of idle Calgary and Dallas and one point behind Anaheim, which hosted Colorado late Monday.

Jonathan Toews and Brent Seabrook scored in the first period to give Chicago a 2-1 lead that held up until Danny Cleary was credited with a goal early in the third. Zetterberg appeared to score the second tying goal of the game on



Anaheim Ducks' Teemu Selanne, (8) scores his third goal of the game against the Colorado Avalanche goalie Brian Elliot during the third period of an NHL hockey game in Anaheim Calif., on Monday, March 28, 2011.

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a shot that went off Chicago defenseman Chris Campoli. Detroit's Nicklas Lidstrom made it 1-1 in the first period

and became the NHL's first 40-year-old defenseman with 60 points in a season. □

SPORTS BRIEFS

Japan withdraws from ice hockey worlds

ZURICH (AP) — Japan has withdrawn its ice hockey teams from all world championships because of the devastating earthquake and tsunami.

The International Ice Hockey Federation says Japanese players and officials have lost friends and colleagues in the disaster. Rene Fasel, the federation's president, says ice hockey's popularity is concentrated in northern Japan which has been worst affected.

Japanese officials told the governing body they have "the moral obligation" to withdraw national teams from competition to focus on recovery efforts.

In upcoming worlds qualifiers, Japan's men's team was scheduled to play in Hungary, its under-18 team in Latvia and the women's team in Germany.

Fasel says the world body sent its condolences to Japan. □

Man Utd. to play Fire, Revolution, Sounders

HARRISON, New Jersey (AP) — Manchester United will play Major League Soccer clubs Chicago Fire, New England Revolution and Seattle Sounders as part of its preseason tour of the United States.

Organizers say that United will face the Revolution on July 13 in Foxborough, Massachusetts, and meet the Fire on July 23 at Soldier Field in Chicago. It's part of a friendly tournament known as the World Football Challenge.

They also will play Barcelona on July 30 in Landover, Maryland. Man United's game against the Sounders, which is not part of the tournament, will be on July 20 in Seattle. The team also plays against the MLS All-Stars on July 27 at Red Bull Arena in Harrison.

The tour is preparation for the start of the Premier League season on Aug. 13. □

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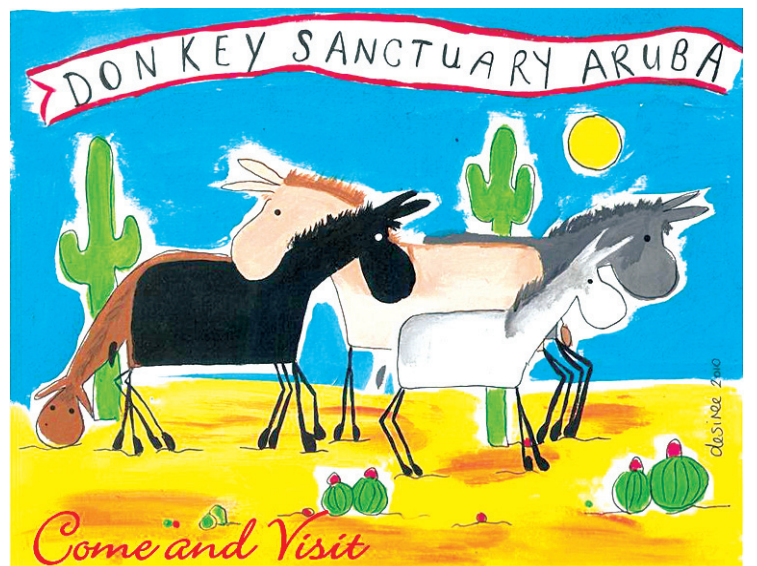
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Tiger Woods still gets everyone's attention



Tiger Woods, right, tosses a ball while standing next to caddie Steve Williams and waiting to tee off on the seventh hole during the final round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill golf tournament in Orlando, Fla., Sunday, March 27, 2011.

Associated Press

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — So many people surrounded the first tee that it was hard to see who was playing. The gallery stretched down the entire length of the 461-yard opening hole and wrapped around the back of the green on a sun-baked Sunday at Bay Hill.

Now on the tee, Tiger Woods. He was in a tie for 29th. He was 10 shots out of the lead, no serious threat to win.

About four hours later, the fi-

nal group of Martin Laird and Spencer Levin approached the fifth green with under 100 fans tagging along.

This is nothing new.

A few weeks earlier at Doral, the PGA Tour decided to group players based on their world ranking. Someone estimated the gallery at 85 people for the "Big Three" of Martin Kaymer, Lee Westwood and Luke Donald. On the other side of the course, there were too many fans to count in the group of players ranked

4-5-6 — Graeme McDowell, Woods and Phil Mickelson.

During the FedEx Cup play-offs last year at Ridgewood, thousands of fans crammed behind the ropes on both sides of the fairway at Ridgewood Country Club to watch Woods, who was in 20th place and going nowhere.

One reporter was thinking too hard as he searched for the meaning of it all.

"I get it ... but I don't get it," he said as his eyes scanned the size of the crowd. "The guy is in 20th place. Why wouldn't you go watch someone who is actually playing well?"

The answer: They were there to see Babe Ruth.

Even at his worst — and there are plenty of numbers and statistics to back that up — Woods remains the most compelling figure in golf. It was like that at Bay Hill. It will be that way next week at the Masters, even as Mickelson tries to join him with four green jackets, or Kaymer goes after a second straight major, or Westwood tries to regain the No. 1 ranking, this time without having to explain why.

Never mind that Woods is meandering through mediocrity

at the moment.

Wednesday will mark 500 days since his last victory at the Australian Masters, his last tournament before the car crash outside his Florida home and the revelations of affairs that followed and broke up his marriage.

He has played 20 tournaments since, not including the Ryder Cup. In his only chance to win, at the Chevron World Challenge, Woods coughed up a four-shot lead in the final round to McDowell, the first time in his career that Woods was leading by more than three shots going into the last day and didn't win.

Woods has earned \$265,465 in five tournaments this year. He earned more in his first five tournaments as a 20-year-old pro.

In 16 starts on the PGA Tour since he returned last year, Woods has three top 10s.

One longtime British golf journalist might have summed it up best last year at The Players Championship. He wandered onto the TPC Sawgrass to watch Woods for a couple of holes, then walked back in. "It's nothing special," he said. So why the special treatment?

Because Woods is approaching an important anniversary. It's not the one-year anniversary of his return to competition at the Masters, where he played off memory and somehow tied for fourth at Augusta National with a performance that raised false hopes.

It's the 10-year anniversary of his greatest feat.

Woods won the Masters in 2001 to become the only player to hold all four major championships at the same time. It took him 294 days to achieve something that might never be done again. There was no one close to him in the game back then.

There remains no one close to him in interest level now.

That's why he draws the biggest crowds. That's why television can't resist showing him.

A few years ago, Sean O'Hair was in rough on the 14th hole of the North Course at Torrey Pines, and Woods was on the adjacent hole. Spotting a reporter, O'Hair playfully asked why he was always watching Woods. Then came a question to O'Hair: "If you had this job, who would you be watching on Thursday?"

"Tiger," O'Hair said with a laugh.

Woods was more interesting to watch when he was winning 40 percent of his tournaments, when he looked like a special player. Now he is interesting in a nostalgic sense. They remember how he once performed and wonder if he ever will play that way again. Will he reach, let alone surpass, the benchmark of 18 professional majors won by Jack Nicklaus?

Can he be golf's best player again? Not even Woods knows the answer. All anyone has at the moment are memories of how he once played, and they are strong enough to hold the interest. In times of parity — which is what Woods' demise has brought — come reminders of how hard it is to win, and how often Woods won. Consider this: Before turning 30, Woods already had 46 wins on the PGA Tour and 10 majors. □

Key Biscayne

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Ferrer defeated Spanish countyman Marcel Granollers 6-1, 6-2. "Being the No. 1 American would be something that would be pretty cool to tell my kids about," Fish said. Roddick, a longtime friend, lost his opening match last week and is expected to drop from eighth to about 15th, his lowest ranking since 2002. By contrast, Fish's fortunes are on the rise — he's ranked a career-best 15th and is into the Key Biscayne quarterfinals for the first time in his 12-year career. "I've got some time still, and still feel relatively young — although I probably won't tonight," said Fish, healthy now after battling frequent injuries. "I've had some years where I haven't played very many matches, and I'll hopefully get those on the back end."



Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina. Associated Press

He and del Potro both looked weary at the end of their 2½-hour slugfest in humid, 85-degree sunshine. When Fish began cramping in the tiebreaker, he knew he needed to avoid a third set. "I was very lucky — I would not have recovered," he said. "I was struggling just to serve there that last point." Ferrer will be a handful. He beat Marcel Granollers 6-1, 6-2 and has lost only 12 games in three matches.

American John Isner, seeded 30th, lost to Kevin Anderson of South Africa, 6-3, 7-6 (4). No. 21 Alexander Dolgoplov won a third-round match against No. 15 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, 6-7 (2), 6-4, 7-5. While Fish grew up in Florida, the majority of stadium spectators favored his Argentine opponent, with fans chanting and singing del Potro's name between points. "I didn't know where I was," Fish said with a

smile. "He certainly had the crowd on his side. I did hear some people rooting for me. I appreciate that." True enough. Shouted one comedian: "Don't let him off the hook, Fish!" The match began to swing Fish's way in the ninth game, when he saved five break points to hold for a 5-4 lead. He needed six set points to break and close the set, doing so when he clipped the net cord for a lucky winner. Del Potro rallied from a break down in the second set, but Fish's serve made the difference. He was broken just once and lost only eight of 51 points when his first serve was good. Despite his defeat, the 2009 U.S. Open champion will climb into the top 45 for the first time since beginning a comeback from right wrist surgery last year. □

NBA Roundup

Anthony scores 39, Knicks top Magic in OT

NEW YORK (AP) — Carmelo Anthony scored 39 points, his best effort since coming to New York, as the Knicks pulled out a 113-106 overtime victory over the Orlando Magic on Monday to snap a six-game losing streak. Hours after saying the game was "almost a must win" for the Knicks, Anthony added 10 rebounds, and the Knicks got some help when Dwight Howard fouled out in the extra session, then picked up his NBA-leading 17th technical foul.

Amare Stoudemire had 20 points for the Knicks, who won for just the second time in 11 games and inched closer to their first playoff berth since 2004.

Howard rebounded from a quiet first half to finish with 29 points and 18 rebounds.

76ers 97, Bulls 85

At Chicago, Thaddeus Young scored 21 points as Philadelphia built a 23-point lead and held on to beat Chicago and end a 14-game home winning streak.

Chicago, losing for only the second time in its last 14 games overall, got 31 points from Derrick Rose, who also had 10 turnovers. The Bulls still own the best record in the East, leading by two games over the Celtics and Heat. Boston lost to Indiana on Monday night and Miami was idle.

Andre Iguodala added 19 points and seven assists for the 76ers.

Carlos Boozer scored 15 points for the Bulls, and Joakim Noah had 10 points and 13 rebounds.

Bobcats 87, Bucks 86

At Charlotte, North Carolina, Gerald Henderson scored the final seven points, including the go-ahead jumper with 22 seconds left, as Charlotte staged an unlikely comeback to beat the mistake-prone Milwaukee.

Starting with no available centers before losing their top two point guards to injuries, the Bobcats remained in play-off contention after Brandon Jennings missed two layups and a 3-pointer in the final 15 seconds that would have put the Bucks ahead.

Stephen Jackson scored 18 points for the Bobcats, who held Milwaukee scoreless over the final 3:52.

Jennings and Andrew Bogut had 26 points apiece for the Bucks.

Pacers 107, Celtics 100

At Indianapolis, Roy Hibbert scored 26 points as Indiana beat Boston to remain in sole possession of eighth place in the Eastern Conference play-off race.

Boston point guard Rajon Rondo started after missing Sunday's game against Minnesota with a jammed finger on his right hand. Coach Doc

Rivers said before the game that Rondo would not play, but Rondo scored 10 points in the first 5:10 and finished with 22 points and eight assists.

Paul Pierce led Boston with 23 points, and Glen Davis added 20 for the Celtics, who are fading in their quest to catch Chicago for the best record in the East.

Trail Blazers 100, Spurs 92

At San Antonio, Andre Miller scored 26 points as Portland beat San Antonio while Tony Parker, Manu Ginobili and Tim Duncan sat out with injuries.

The Blazers beat the NBA's most successful team for the second time in three days, this time with four San Antonio starters sidelined. Gerald Wallace added 14 points for Portland and hit a crucial 3-pointer with 2:02 left, finishing a quick 7-0 burst that put the Blazers ahead.

George Hill had 27 points for the Spurs, who have lost four in row, their longest slide this season.

Wizards 100, Jazz 95, OT

At Salt Lake City, rookie John Wall scored 28 points, and Jordan Crawford hit a key shot at the end of regulation and then made two steals in overtime to lead Washington to only its second road win.

Crawford finished with 25 points, including eight in the fourth quarter and the tying



New York Knicks' Carmelo Anthony (7) puts up a shot as he gets by Orlando Magic forward Hedo Turkoglu during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game Monday, March 28, 2011 at Madison Square Garden in New York. Anthony led all scorers with 39 points as the Knicks won 113-106 in overtime

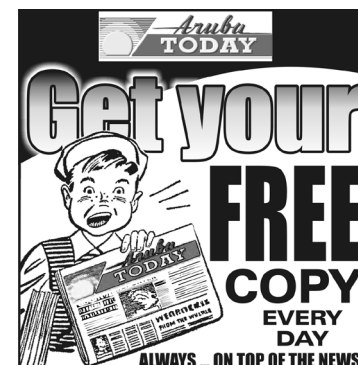
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shot with 4.4 seconds left in regulation. Maurice Evans scored seven of his 12 points in overtime for the Wizards, who were without five players because of injury.

C.J. Miles led the Jazz with 17 points but he made only 3 of 12 from 3-point range.

In other NBA games it was Charlotte 87, Milwaukee 86; Indiana 107, Boston 100; New York 113, Orlando 106, OT; Philadelphia 97, Chi-

cago 85; Portland 100, San Antonio 92; and Washington 100, Utah 95, OT. □



NFL's Ochocinco earns reserve spot on MLS team

DOUG TUCKER

AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) — After a five-day trial, NFL star Chad Ochocinco has been awarded a spot on the reserve team for Sporting Kansas City of Major League Soccer.

A spokesman for Sporting KC said the six-time Pro Bowl wide receiver for the Cincinnati Bengals was very happy when given the news on Tuesday by coach Peter Vermes.

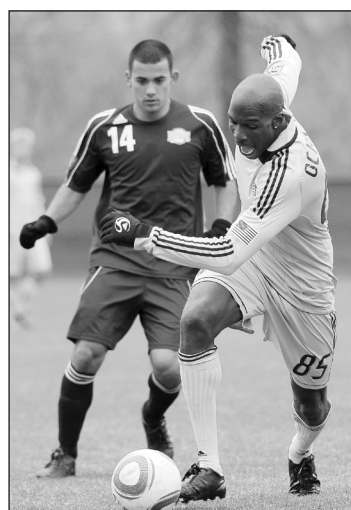
As a member of the reserve

team, Ochocinco will not be given a contract or any monetary compensation.

He will join the team when it works out a couple of times a week.

After a practice game on Monday against a local amateur club, Ochocinco admitted his skills were probably not up to winning a spot on the MLS team.

He said he would be happy to be with the reserve team, which would help him stay in shape until NFL owners and players resolve the lockout. □



NFL star Chad Ochocinco, right, moves the ball past an unidentified defender as he plays in a reserve soccer match as part of his tryout with the Sporting Kansas City MLS soccer team, Monday, March 28, 2011, in Kansas City, Mo.

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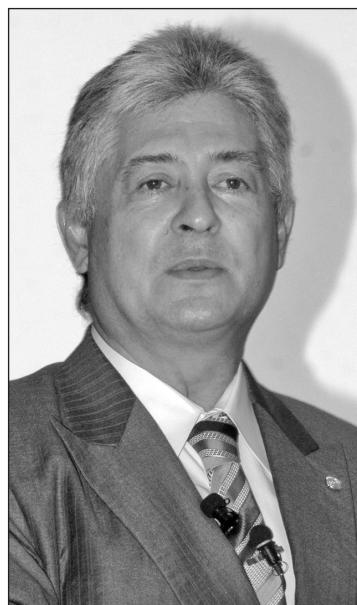
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By: Dr Carlos Viana

With my eyes closed my airplane instructor twists and turns the plane so that it is not flying level. This is a classic "unusual attitude" training every pilot needs to repeat to stay a safe pilot. I groan as I fight to keep from vomiting my breakfast. "OK, open your eyes and straighten the aircraft", orders my instructor. I open my eyes to find my instructor has covered my airplane instruments.

Not good my instincts scream. Facing out to sea I cannot tell the difference between sky and ocean and my brain is telling me we are turning left.

The seconds tick off as I try to adjust the aircraft to what I feel is going on. "Now", I say implying that I think I have control of the airplane to my instructor as he uncovers my airplane instruments. As I look at my instruments. I am headed into the ground turning slowly in a classic flying problem, called the "graveyard spiral".

I have done this maneuver be-

fore and I know that in a spinning cockpit I have to trust my instruments even though my sense of balance, coming from my middle ear is telling me different. I line up the plane according to my instruments and start feeling a sensation of whirling or tilting that causes a loss of balance, a dizziness that puts my stomach wanting to give up breakfast. "Vertigo", I complain as my instructor intently watches to make sure I have regained composure of both the plane and myself.

Vertigo from Latin that means "whirling about" describes a medical condition in which somebody feels the sensation of dizziness with the room spinning. Dizziness is an indistinct term which describes a variety of conditions ranging from lightheadedness, unsteadiness to vertigo and spans a large range of symptoms. These symptoms range from the most dramatic, vertigo, to the least severe, imbalance. Included in these feelings is fainting, which results in a loss of consciousness.

As a private pilot I know it is the sensory system located in the inner ear that helps the body to maintain balance. Balance in the human body is coordinated by the brainstem, which collects information from other parts of the brain and sensory organs throughout the body. The sensory organs that play critical roles relaying information to the brain-stem include the skin, eyes, muscles and

joints, and the vestibular system in the inner ear. Dizziness may result with dysfunction in any of these components or in the nerves that connect them.

French physician Prosper Mènière described Mènière's disease as having four particular symptoms: vertigo lasting for an hour or more, but less than 24 hours; ringing or buzzing sounds in the ear; feeling of pressure or fullness in the ear; and some hearing loss. Some people are affected in both ears; others just one ear. Onset of Mènière's is sometimes related to stress. Regular medicine usually looks for problems with the inner ear for dizzy symptoms. However, most people that we see have been dizzy for more than a couple of days.

As a Traditional Chinese Medical (TCM) physician I know the liver is involved in many problems with dizziness. The liver detoxifies our blood and an overworked liver produces a condition that we call "liver fire"; whose symptoms are dizziness, pain on the sides of the head at the temples, a sensation that you are choking, heart palpitations, and stomach upset. People with liver fire usually have a green hue around their mouths, wake up around 3:00am and get angry easily.

Lifestyle choices, including eating processed foods, taking pharmaceutical or other drugs, working or living with chemicals, bombardment of EMF's (electromet-

ric fields) and not getting enough exercise all contribute to our toxic overload, making it impossible for our livers to work efficiently.

Interestingly, historically this condition was known here in Aruba and was called 'madder'. TCM views a healthy Liver as "The General" who sends energy in the form of fluid to various parts of the body. If the General's "palace," the liver, is on fire, the chain of command is broken. Menstrual flow becomes heavy or "reckless" and menstrual problems; bladder and painful lower stomachs develop. Although, sexual desire drops, satisfying sexual activity is a great way to help "calm" the Liver. In our clinic we have found acupuncture treatments to be fantastic in improving a "hot" Liver, therefore helping dizzy symptoms. Milk Thistle, Astragalus root, Black Cohosh root, Don Quai Root, Red Clover and Rhodiola root as well as Evening Primrose Oil are beneficial herbs and oils for the liver. You improve liver function by slowing down alcohol consumption, exercising and eating natural food that is good for your metabolic type and prepare food that has not been fried, helps dramatically.

Get The Point! Modern life can affect our body's equilibrium, particularly because of the toxins we are exposed to every day in our air, water and food. Additionally, sedentary lifestyle, chemicals, medicines, electromet-

ric fields from computers, electrical transformers and cell phone towers all affect our balance. The right diet, acupuncture and herbs can help our body regain control of the spinning room. After you and you have explored possible infections of your inner ear, ruled out anemia, brain tumors, stroke, migraines, epilepsy, or multiple sclerosis, all which may result in feelings of dizziness; come in to have a TCM liver evaluation. Let us help you cool the fire in your body's palace and stop the whirling room.

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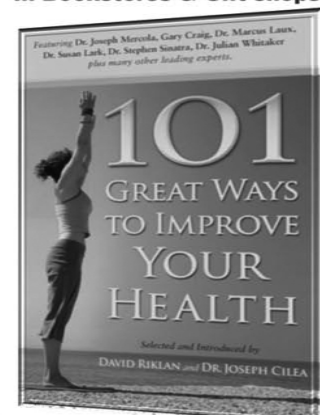


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U.S. Energy Dept. program to cut costs for start-ups

BOSTON (AP) — U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu is making it easier for start-up companies to license ground-breaking technologies developed by the National Laboratories.

Chu announced Tuesday the department will reduce the total upfront cost of licensing patents in a specific technology to a \$1,000 fee for portfolios of up to three patents. The department is also reducing the paperwork requirements for start-up companies to obtain an option agreement to license some of the 15,000 patents and patent applications held by 17 National Laboratories. Chu says the goal of the “America’s Next Top Energy Innovator” challenge is to double the number of startup companies coming out of the National Laboratories. To be eligible, entrepreneurs must identify the technology of interest and submit a business plan for consideration. The program kicks off May 2. □

Twitter’s first tweeter returns as product guru

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Jack Dorsey, the Twitter co-founder responsible for the messaging service’s first tweet five years ago, is returning to oversee the company’s products. Twitter is tapping into its creator’s ingenuity as it tries to build upon its popularity to make more money by selling more ads. The privately held company doesn’t disclose its finances, but research firm eMarketer Inc. estimates Twitter will bring in advertising revenue of about \$150 million this year.

Dorsey, Twitter’s original CEO, announced his new role Monday on his Twitter account.

He says he intends to remain CEO of a mobile payments service called Square that’s located near Twitter’s San Francisco headquarters.

As part of his new job, Dorsey’s title has been changed from Twitter’s chairman to executive chairman.

“I’m thrilled to get back to work at Twitter,” Dorsey tweeted Monday.

Dorsey stepped down as Twitter’s CEO during the fall of 2008 and was replaced by another co-founder, Evan Williams. After that change, Twitter’s online audience ballooned from about 3 million users to about 200 million now.

Williams handed over the reins to Twitter’s current CEO, Dick Costolo, nearly six months ago.

Costolo welcomed Dorsey back in a post on his Twitter account. Even before Monday’s announcement, Dorsey had been making increasingly frequent visits to Twitter to hang out and swap ideas with the company’s employees, co-founder Biz Stone told The Associated Press in a recent interview.

Dorsey began tinkering with the concept for Twitter as a side project within another company that Williams was running. Even after he stopped working for Twitter, Dorsey remained vested in its success because he is among the company’s largest shareholders. □



Energy Secretary Steven Chu testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, March 16, 2011, before the joint House subcommittee on Energy and Power and the House subcommittee on Environment and the Economy hearing on the Energy Department and Nuclear Regulatory Commission fiscal 2012 budgets.

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Facebook cuts ‘uprising’ page after Israel protest

ARON HELLER
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Facebook on Tuesday removed a page calling on Palestinians to take up arms against Israel, following a high-profile Israeli appeal to the popular social-networking site. The affair highlighted how Facebook is increasingly involved in charged political conflicts, balancing between protecting freedom of expression and defending against hate speech. The page, titled “Third Palestinian Intifada,” had more than 350,000 fans when it was taken down. It called on Palestinians to take to the streets after Friday prayers on May 15 and begin an uprising. “Judgment Day will be brought upon us only once the Muslims have killed all of the Jews,” a quote from the page read. Facebook said the page began as a call for peaceful protest, even though it used the term “intifada,” which it said has been associated with violence in the past. “However, after the publicity of the page, more comments deteriorated to direct calls for violence,” said Andrew Noyes, Facebook’s public policy



In this photo made available Tuesday March 29, 2011 by Israeli Minister of Public Diplomacy and Diaspora Affairs shows a Facebook page calling on Palestinians to take up arms against Israel.

Associated Press

communications manager. He said the creators of the page eventually made calls for violence as well. “We monitor pages that are reported to us, and when they degrade to direct calls for violence or expressions of hate — as occurred in this case — we have and will continue to take them down.” Facebook added that it typically does not take down content that speaks out against countries, religions, political entities, or ideas. With the “Facebook Revolutions” helping to bring down regimes in

Egypt and Tunisia, the social networking site has become an agent of change and a powerful political tool that finds itself asked to make rulings on the content posted by its millions of users worldwide. Jerome Barron, a law professor and First Amendment expert at George Washington University, said that as a private concern, Facebook does not fall under the guidelines of U.S. freedom of expression legislation and is free to decide on its own policies. people using fake names. □

Amazon launches online media storage service



A “Cloud Power” image at the Microsoft stand is pictured at he CeBIT IT fair in Hanover on March 2.

RACHEL METZ
AP Technology Writer
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Amazon.com Inc. wants to be more than a destination for shopping online: It also dreams of being a place where people can store their music, photos and videos and

access them any time, from any computer. The online retailer launched two offerings late Monday: Amazon Cloud Drive and Amazon Cloud Player.

The first lets you upload and store files such as music, videos and photos on Amazon’s

servers, which you can get to from a Web browser on a Mac or PC.

The second lets you play songs you’ve uploaded on your computer or on a smartphone that runs Google’s Android operating software.

The “cloud” in the services’ names refers to the practice of storing content online and streaming it to a computer over the Internet. Google Inc. and Apple Inc. also are believed to be working on similar services to allow consumers to store and access music and other content when away from their home computer. While Amazon will charge for the Cloud Drive service, it’s offering anyone with an Amazon account 5 gigabytes of free storage. □

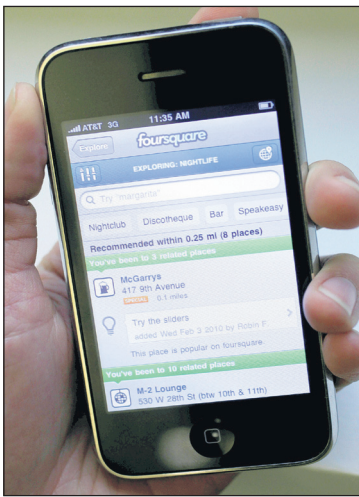
Nokia sues Apple again over patents

MATTI HUUHTANEN

Associated Press

HELSINKI (AP) — Nokia is suing Apple in the United States for allegedly infringing patents in “virtually all” of its mobile phones, portable music players, tablets and computers, the Finnish company said Tuesday. The complaint, filed with United States International Trade Commission, ITC, is the latest in a string of lawsuits by Nokia and comes as the world’s largest handset maker struggles to keep up with smartphone rivals like Apple.

Nokia said the seven patents in the new complaint relate to its “pioneering innovations” that Apple allegedly is using “to create key features in its products, including in multitasking operating systems, data synchronization, positioning, call quality and the use of Bluetooth accessories.” Last week, the ITC found no violation in an earlier com-



Foursquare is displayed on an Apple iPhone 3GS, Wednesday, March 23, 2011 in New York.

Associated Press

plaint. Nokia said it “is waiting to see the full details of the ruling before deciding on the next steps in that case.” Last year, Nokia Corp. also sued Apple Inc. in Britain, Germany and the Netherlands for allegedly infringing its patents with technology used in the iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch. □

BATS submits plans to list new company stocks

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — One of the most profitable parts of the stock exchange business is about to become more competitive. BATS Global Markets said Tuesday it plans to launch a new listings service for U.S. stocks, opening the door for companies to go public in a venue other than the New York Stock Exchange or Nasdaq OMX Group. The Kansas City, Missouri-based electronic exchange operator has submitted paperwork to the Securities and Exchange Commission and hopes to start listing stocks by the end of the year. BATS already competes with established exchanges in its stock-trading business. Since it was founded six years ago, the privately-owned company has captured about 10 percent of all U.S. stock trading by offering lower fees and faster electronic trading than its competitors. The new listing service could siphon away lucrative listing fees from the NYSE and Nasdaq as well. NYSE made approximately \$300 million in U.S. stock listings in 2010, while Nasdaq made approximately \$170 million, according to Morningstar. “We feel like we can provide a very competi-

tive offering to the NYSE and Nasdaq, with very competitive pricing and tools that can attract some of the 7,000 plus companies that are listed today,” said Ken Conklin, a BATS executive who is in charge of the listings business. Conklin said the company will target both companies planning initial public offerings of stock and those that are currently listed on rival U.S. exchanges. Like at the NYSE and Nasdaq, companies that will be listed on BATS will have to meet basic tests of profitability, corporate governance and submit audited financial information regularly. Company officials said that BATS had previously received approval to operate a listings market, and that the paperwork it filed is a formality. It expects to begin listings in the last quarter of 2011. The threat the company poses to established exchanges is mixed, financial analysts say. “This move targets one of the most profitable parts of the NYSE and Nasdaq franchises,” said Michael Wong, an analyst at Morningstar who covers both companies. “That said, there are definitely factors that could prevent BATS from making its material goal of being competitive.” □



Home price declines deepen in major U.S. markets

By JANNA HERRON and DEREK KRAVITZ

AP Real Estate Writers

NEW YORK — Damage from the housing bust is spreading to areas once thought to be immune. In at least 14 major U.S. metro areas, prices have fallen to 2003 levels — when the housing bubble was just starting to inflate. Prices will likely drop further this year, making many people reluctant to buy or sell. That would push down sales and prices more. The depressed housing industry is slowing an economy that has shown strength elsewhere. And it’s starting to hurt those who bought years before the housing boom began. In some cities, people who have paid



In this Feb. 20, 2011 photo, new homes under construction are shown in Canonsburg, Pa. Home prices are falling in most major U.S. cities, and now the average price in four of them are at the lowest point in 11 years. Associated Press

their mortgages for a decade have little or no home equity. Prices have tumbled in familiar troubled spots, such as Las Vegas, Cleveland and Detroit. But they’re also at or near 10-year lows in Denver, Atlanta, Chicago and Minneapolis — cities that weren’t as swept up in the housing boom and bust. “It’s been tough on the lower class but it’s filtering up,” said Paul Dales, senior U.S. economist with Capital Economics. “It may be only a matter of time before it hits the wealthy.” Just about the only major market weathering the second wave of the housing downturn is Washington. Home prices there have risen 11 percent in the past two years. Prices fell from December to January in all but one of the 20 cities tracked by the Standard & Poor’s/Case-Shiller home price index. The index, a gauge of national home prices, dipped for the sixth straight month. Prices in 11 of the cities are at their lowest point since the housing bubble

burst. The report measures prices relative to those in January 2000. For each of the 20 metro areas it studies, it provides an updated three-month average price. “The housing market recession is not yet over, and none of the statistics are indicating any form of sustained recovery,” said David M. Blitzer, chairman of the Index Committee at Standard & Poor’s. Weak home sales and falling prices are imposing a heavy burden on the economy, which has gained strength from higher consumer spending. Applications for unemployment benefits are at pre-recession lows. Manufacturing activity is growing at its fastest rate in seven years. By contrast, sales of previously occupied homes are coming off the worst year in more than a decade. And new homes are selling at the slowest pace on records dating back to 1963. In part, the weakening prices show how much a home-buying tax credit stimulated sales in late 2009 and early 2010. Once those

tax credits expired in April, many markets began a decline that shows no sign of stopping. Some economists say the tax credits merely postponed the bottoming out that’s occurring now. Millions of foreclosures and short sales are largely to blame. Short sales occur when lenders let homeowners sell for less than they owe on their mortgage. These cut-rate sales have left a glut of discounted properties in many markets. Prices won’t stop falling until they are cleared. Even though foreclosures and short sales have created a glut of homes for sale, many of them are undesirable. The supply of homes that people actually want to buy — and can afford to — is much narrower. “Some people who want to buy don’t have the time, desire or energy to fix up a foreclosure, so they don’t buy them,” said Ron Shuffield, president of Esslinger-Wooten-Maxwell Realtors Inc. in Miami, where foreclosures or short sales make up two-thirds of the homes sold.

Oil prices rise despite consumer worries

CHRIS KAHN

AP Energy Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil prices rose Tuesday as concerns about political upheaval in North Africa and the Middle East trumped U.S. economic data suggesting that American consumers are worried about the cost of fuel and food. Benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude for May delivery gained 81 cents to settle at \$104.79 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. In London, Brent crude added 38 cents to settle at \$114.96 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Energy markets have been rattled by pro-democracy uprisings that have cut off oil exports from Libya and threatened disruptions of crude supplies from major oil producers like Saudi Arabia and Iran. Benchmark oil has surged more than 20 percent since last month when fighting broke out in Libya. Libya sits on the largest crude reserves in Africa. Until recently, Libya produced nearly 2 percent of the world’s oil. Experts say those exports will likely be halted at least for another sev-

eral months. Unrest in Bahrain, Yemen and Syria has raised further worries about world oil supplies. Those countries don’t produce much oil of their own, but uprisings could interfere with oil shipments in the region. Yemen sits on a strategic shipping lane that handles about 4 million barrels of oil a day. Gasoline pump prices were already at the highest levels for this time of year prior to the Libyan rebellion, and they’ve now pushed even higher. The U.S. average on Tuesday rose slightly to \$3.587 per gallon (about 95 cents a liter), according to AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. A gallon of regular has climbed 23.3 cents in the last month and 78.7 cents since last year. Tom Kloza, publisher and chief oil analyst at Oil Price Information Service, said drivers could be squeezed more in April. “That’s typically when we see some of the biggest price increases” at the gas station, Kloza said. Economists said the overall impact of higher pump prices is unclear. The Conference



Chris Kakalis, of Durham, Maine, changes the price of gas at a station in Brunswick, Maine, on Thursday, March 24, 2011.

Associated Press

Board Consumer Research Center said Tuesday that rising food and fuel prices pushed its consumer confidence index in March down to levels that were last seen during the recession. Yet data from the Energy Department shows gasoline demand rising at the wholesale level compared with last year. Meanwhile, MasterCard SpendingPulse said in a report released Tuesday that U.S. retail gasoline demand fell by 0.2 percent last week when compared with the same week last year. □

U.S. proposes exemption for mortgage securities

MARCY GORDON

AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators are proposing to exempt certain mortgages from new rules aimed at getting banks to take on more risk when package and sell mortgage investments. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and the Federal Reserve voted Tuesday to advance the exemption from rules required under the new financial regulatory law. Under the rules, banks must hold at least 5 percent of the mortgage securities on their books. Banks would not have to have so-called “skin in the game” (exposure to risk provision) for mortgage securities that contain loans for which buyers made a 20 percent down payment. For banks to qualify for the exemption, they would also have to collect information from the borrower showing proof of income, credit history and ability to make monthly payments.

The new rule is designed to limit banks’ exposure to risk and deter the kind of loans that brought on the 2008 financial crisis. Ahead of the crisis, banks packaged and sold bundles of risky mortgages with teaser rates that increased after only a few years. Many borrowers ended up defaulting on the loans when the interest rates spiked. As a result, the value of the mortgage securities plummeted. Experts say banks had very little of their own money invested in those mortgage securities, and that led them to take greater risks that contributed to the financial crisis. The proposal has been awaited by Wall Street, which is looking to revive the market for mortgage securities. It has remained weak since the financial crisis, largely because investors are unsure about the quality of the loans. Other federal regulatory agencies are expected to back the proposal it in the coming weeks.

It could be adopted later this year. FDIC Chairman Sheila Bair said the mortgages that qualify for exemption “will be a small slice” of the mortgage securities market overall. Bair said many people have expressed concern that the requirements for exempting mortgages could limit the access to mortgages of low- and moderate-income borrowers. “We take these concerns very seriously and want to make sure they are fully addressed,” she said before the vote. The FDIC is seeking comments on the possible impact of the mortgage requirements on low- and moderate-income borrowers during the 60-day public comment period on the proposed rule. The FDIC also voted to advance rules requiring financial institutions with \$50 billion or more in assets to submit a plan detailing how they would wind down their operations if they experienced severe distress or failed. About 125 companies would be subject to the requirement. □

O'Donnell to move into Winfrey's Chicago studio

By CARYN ROUSSEAU
Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago studio where Oprah Winfrey tapes her soon-to-end talk show soon will be home to Rosie O'Donnell's latest daytime television effort, which is set to debut on the Oprah Winfrey Network this fall, Harpo Studios announced Tuesday.

The announcement ends speculation about what will become of Winfrey's Harpo Studios on Chicago's West Side when "The Oprah Winfrey Show" ends taping this spring. Winfrey opened the studios in 1990.

"I'm delighted to welcome Rosie to the studio I've called home for so many years," Winfrey said in a statement.

The network announced last summer that O'Donnell would return to television with a one-hour talk show to air on OWN. The network said at the time that the show would be based in New York. "I can't wait to do my show from Chicago," O'Donnell said in a statement. "It's a dream come true beyond the beyond." O'Donnell previously hosted "The Rosie O'Donnell Show" from 1996 to 2002, earning six daytime Emmy awards. O'Donnell also spent time on "The View."

Harpo Studios presidents Erik Logan and Sheri Salata called the announcement "an exciting new chapter" for the company. □



Rosie O'Donnell

Beyonce's dad says business split shows daughter's growth

By NEKESA MUMBI
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mathew Knowles says Beyonce's decision to part ways with him as a manager was part of her growing up.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Tuesday, Knowles called his daughter a "very, very smart businesswoman" who is ready to take control of her own career.

"It should come as no surprise that at 29 years old, almost 30, that she wants to have more control of her business," he said. Beyonce announced Monday that her father would no longer manage her career. He had done so since she was a child, and took her from multiplatinum success with the group Destiny's Child to a superstar solo career, with blockbuster albums, top movies, a clothing line and lucrative endorsement deals under her belt. The Grammy winner didn't indicate who



Singer Beyonce Knowles

her new manager might be, but Knowles said he hoped that person would sustain his daughter's "level of success." "Beyonce, I feel is the No. 1 artist in the world right now," he said. "And that's a great feeling, as a father and manager." Knowles said he's got his hands full with his Music World Entertainment label and its burgeoning gospel roster, which includes Trinitee 5:7, Micah Stampley and Vanessa Bell Armstrong, so he won't be tempted to offer Beyonce unsolicited business advice. □

At the Hollywood Premiere

Cracking the "Source Code"

By Jenny Peters
Associated Press

Los Angeles — When Jake Gyllenhaal took to the red carpet on Monday, March 28, at the Arclight Cinemas in Hollywood for the premiere of his new mind-bending film "Source Code," he was all smiles. For unlike many of his earlier projects, he was really happy to be part of this one, as the movie is one that he had a big hand in bringing to the screen.

It all started with the script by Ben Ripley, then came together through Gyllenhaal's love of the story, about a soldier who is used in a sort of time-travel experiment.

"The first time that I read it I loved it," the actor explained at an earlier press day for the film. "It just got better and better and better and more tense and more engaging as I went on." So Gyllenhaal decided to take the plunge, and enlisted director Duncan Jones to join him. Jones, who is currently most famous for being David Bowie's son as



Michelle Monaghan

well as the director of one film, "Moon," was Gyllenhaal's first choice for a collaborator.

"Duncan is a great guy and I think that people get that," Gyllenhaal said.

Also along for the time-twisting thriller are stars Michelle Monaghan, Vera Farmiga and Jeffrey Wright, who joined Gyllenhaal and Jones on the picture-perfect California spring night for both the screening and after party, also held at the Arclight. Farmiga,

who recently got an Oscar nomination for her work in "Up in the Air," agreed that Jones is the kind of Hollywood director that every actor dreams of being around.

"It wasn't the role for me here. It was Duncan Jones," she revealed. "I adore 'Moon.' I thought that it was something very, very special and when I read 'Source Code' it was the same intricate puzzle that he presented in 'Moon' and I love having my noodle challenged and finding something to chew on. I wanted to be a piece of that puzzle."

Jones' talent for making actors looked good also drew a crowd of other thespians to the "Source Code" premiere, perhaps in the hopes of meeting the hot auteur. Famous faces on hand included Tara Lipinski, Mike Epps and Matthew Gray Gubler of "Criminal Minds" fame, as well as Carla Ortiz, Logan Lerman and Kristin Cavallari, who brought NFL quarterback Jay Cutler of the Chicago Bears as her escort. □

'Super' is delightfully gonzo

By CHRISTY LEMIRE
Associated Press

James Gunn got his start at the legendary B-movie house Troma Entertainment, then went on to write and direct the 2006 horror film "Slither," his feature debut, which married his loves of comedy and gore. Now, he's followed that up with "Super." But the movie that really comes to mind while watching it is the brilliant "Shaun of the Dead," which began life as a funny, loving homage to zombie flicks, then slowly, steadily became a really suspenseful, and really violent, zombie flick in its own right.

"Super" starts out toying with the idea of the self-made vigilante superhero, someone with no special powers who nonetheless feels the need to fight crime. But by the end, Gunn's film has morphed into an intense and bloody exploration of a man on a quest, one who's hell-bent on vengeance

with a perky pixie by his side. "The Office" star Rainn Wilson plays it deadly straight as Frank, a sad-sack short-order cook whose wife, a waitress and former junkie named Sarah (Liv Tyler), is using again. In no time, she's also fallen into the creepy, skinny arms of Jacques (Kevin Bacon), an amusingly evil drug dealer. All this is more than one mild-mannered guy can stand, so the doughy Frank with a little push from the hand of God and some programming on the All-Jesus Network reinvents himself as a crime fighter. He goes by the name The Crimson Bolt, complete with a makeshift red costume, mask and weapon: a wrench, which he uses to unceremoniously bash people's heads in. "Super" has a cheeky, geeky sense of humor when it comes to Frank's awkward attacks: It's sweet and earnest, but also raunchy and fearless. Wilson finds the comedy in his char-



Rainn Wilson

acter's sadness he's funny precisely because he isn't funny which makes you feel for him, too. He's got more than a little Travis Bickle in him, but he's also just pathetic.

But Ellen Page pretty much steals the show as Libby, the comic book store clerk who figures out who he is and insists on serving as his sidekick, even though she turns out to be not-so-trusty. She reinvents herself as Boltie (after going through a series of possible nicknames and poses in a hilarious, breathless bit) and just goes gonzo. □

50s screen idol Farley Granger dead at 85



Farley Granger portrays Russian youth

By ULA ILNYTZKY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Farley Granger, the 1950s bobby sox screen idol who starred in the Alfred Hitchcock classics “Rope” and “Strangers on a Train,” has died. He was 85.

Granger died Sunday of natural causes, said Ellen Borakove, a spokeswoman for the New York City medical examiner’s office.

Granger, who died at his Manhattan home, was an overnight Hollywood success story. He was a 16-year-old student at North Hollywood High School when he got the notion that he wanted to act and joined a little theater group.

Talent scouts for movie mogul Samuel Goldwyn saw the handsome youngster and

signed him to a contract. His first movie was “The North Star” in 1943, a World War II story that starred Anne Baxter and Dana Andrews.

“It was one of those miracle careers,” he said. “I had no talent and no training whatsoever and suddenly I was thrown with Walter Huston, Erich von Stroheim, Anne Baxter, Ann Harding and Walter Brennan.”

A decade later, at the height of his Hollywood stardom, he walked away from it to really learn his craft. He spent the rest of his career in a mix of movies, television and stage work. □

Beating own forecast

Versace suffers loss in 2010

MILAN— Italy’s Versace luxury group said Tuesday it suffered a net loss in 2010 in the face of a restructuring plan but beat its own forecasts and banks on returning to profit this year.

“As expected, the company registered a loss in 2010,” Versace said in a statement, without specifying the extent of the loss.

However, it said it had returned to an operating profit, with core earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization coming in at 22.3 million euros against a loss of 2.4 million euros in 2009.

The luxury group said sales rose by 9.1 percent in 2010 to



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292.3 million euros.

Meanwhile the group’s debt had dropped to 30.5 million euros from 80.2 million in 2010.

“When we announced the restructuring plan 18 months

ago, we had predicted stable sales with a 13.3 million euros margin.

Today’s numbers are much more positive,” Versace chief executive Gian Giacomo Ferraris said. □

Clooney called by Berlusconi’s defense as witness

By ALESSANDRA RIZZO
Associated Press

ROME — Silvio Berlusconi’s defense lawyers on Tuesday named George Clooney, the Italian foreign minister and a bevy of showgirls as witnesses at the premier’s upcoming prostitution trial, an attorney and news reports said.

Prosecutors, for their part, have asked to hear from 136 witnesses, including the Moroccan teenager at the center of the scandal and 32 other women who allegedly worked as prostitutes during parties at Berlusconi’s villa, according to Italian news reports.

Both sides presented their lists of witnesses at the Milan tribunal where the trial opens next week. A judge must now



Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi

decide which witnesses to admit.

The 74-year-old Berlusconi is accused of having paid for sex with the Moroccan, who is known as Ruby and was 17

at the time, and then using his influence to try to cover it up. The premier denies wrongdoing.

Clooney was listed because Ruby once said she had seen

the Hollywood star and his Italian girlfriend Elisabetta Canalis at one of Berlusconi’s parties, according to the law firm representing Berlusconi.

“We want to see if they confirm this fact or not,” said attorney Piersilvio Cipollotti. An email sent to Clooney’s representative wasn’t immediately answered.

Italian newspapers reported months ago that Ruby had said Clooney, who has a mansion on Lake Como north of Milan, and Canalis were guests at one of Berlusconi’s parties. According to a Feb. 22 report in leading Italian newspaper Corriere della Sera. □

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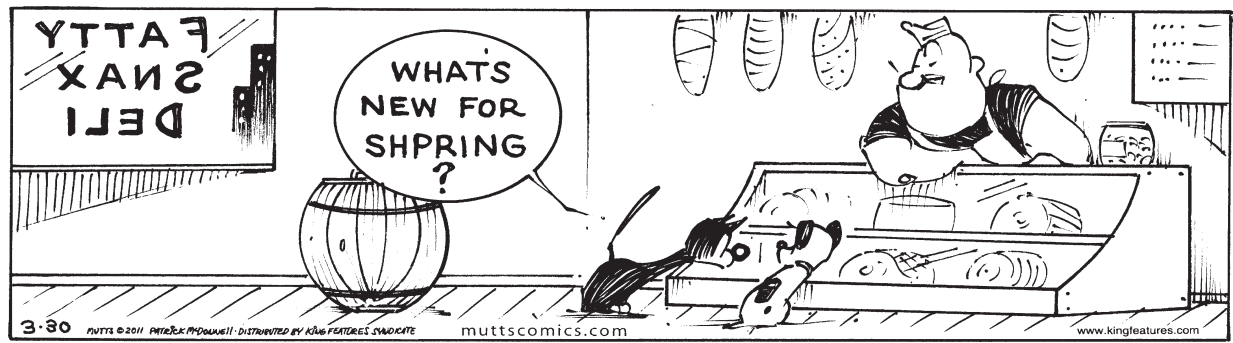
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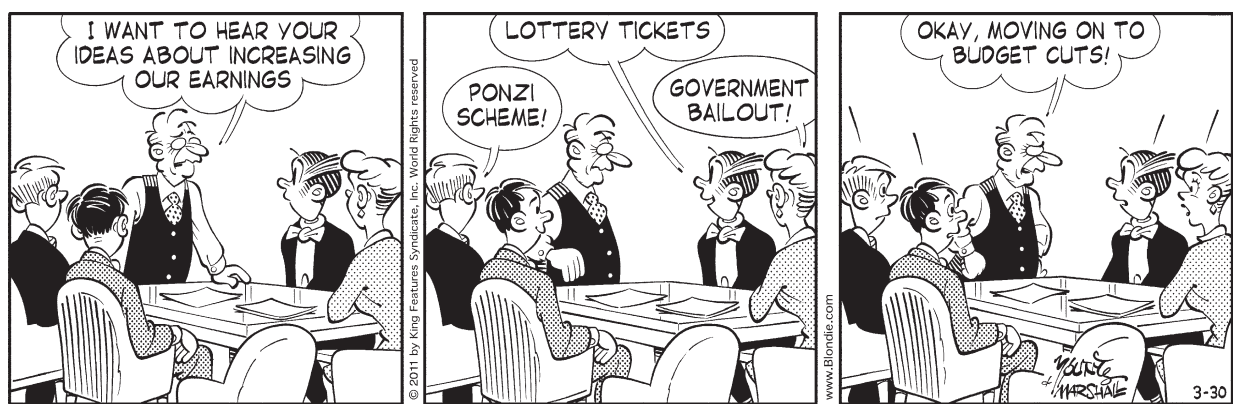
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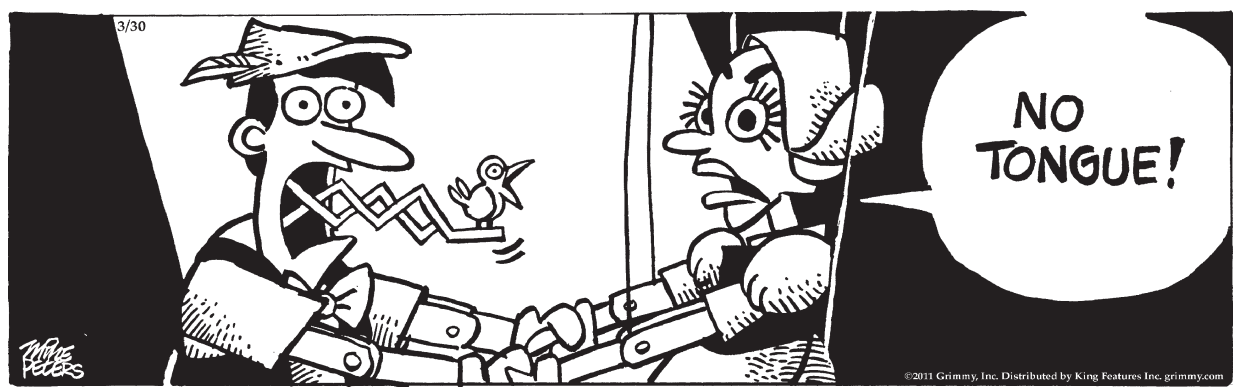
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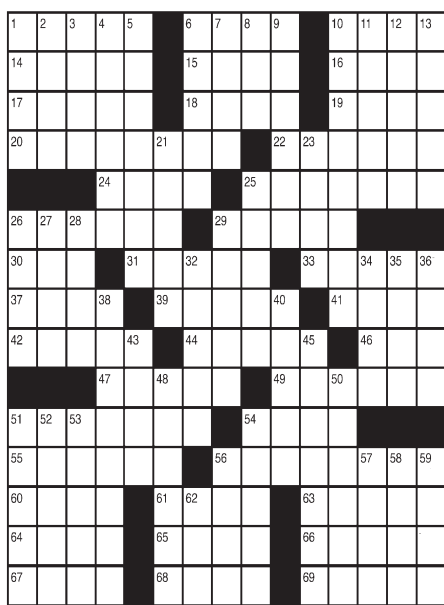
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

2	9	3	8	4	6	7	1	5
7	8	4	1	5	9	6	3	2
6	1	5	3	2	7	8	9	4
3	5	1	2	7	8	9	4	6
9	4	7	6	3	1	5	2	8
8	6	2	5	9	4	1	7	3
4	3	6	9	1	5	2	8	7
1	7	8	4	6	2	3	5	9
5	2	9	7	8	3	4	6	1

ACROSS

- 1 Gave a monetary penalty to
- 6 Response from a congregation
- 10 Greenish-blue
- 14 Baghdad resident
- 15 Celebration
- 16 Trots
- 17 Infection-causing agent
- 18 Up in __; ready to fight
- 19 Offers on eBay
- 20 Increase; move upward
- 22 Evening party
- 24 Mah-jongg piece
- 25 Trades
- 26 Capital of Kansas
- 29 Hollandaise or Béarnaise
- 30 "Two heads are better than __"
- 31 Glowing coal
- 33 Vine-covered latticework
- 37 Puncture
- 39 Lubricated
- 41 Not loony
- 42 Shoe bottoms
- 44 Firstborn of two
- 46 __ cream cone
- 47 Mixes in a bowl
- 49 Punched hard
- 51 Ties securely
- 54 "Hey __"; song for the Beatles
- 55 Permits
- 56 Lowered in rank
- 60 __ off steam; release tension
- 61 Help a thief
- 63 Steer clear of
- 64 Easy gait
- 65 Tidy
- 66 Twilled fabric
- 67 Observed
- 68 Singer & actor Nelson __
- 69 Look of contempt



DOWN

- 1 Two and three
- 2 Part of the eye
- 3 Drug agent
- 4 Treat 2 things as having the same value
- 5 Not care for
- 6 Fine-grained quartz
- 7 Female horse
- 8 Shade tree
- 9 Capital of the Bahamas
- 10 Dispute settlers
- 11 Stack of 24 or 25 sheets
- 12 Beneath
- 13 Donkeys
- 21 Hertz rival
- 23 Killer whale
- 25 Exposed
- 26 Throw
- 27 Climb __; get on top of
- 28 Ring, as a bell
- 29 Peddles
- 32 Coffin platforms
- 34 Fishhook worm

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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S	K	I	N	P	I	A	N	O	T	I	N	Y
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- 35 A single time
- 36 Rex or Donna
- 38 Gave as a gift
- 40 Eliminate pests
- 43 One-dish meal
- 45 Set right;
- 48 Bonkers
- 50 Yeast, for one
- 51 Tale by Aesop
- 52 Metal mixture
- 53 Incline
- 54 Landing wharf
- 56 Deceased
- 57 Have courage
- 58 Rim
- 59 Doe or buck
- 62 Place to sleep

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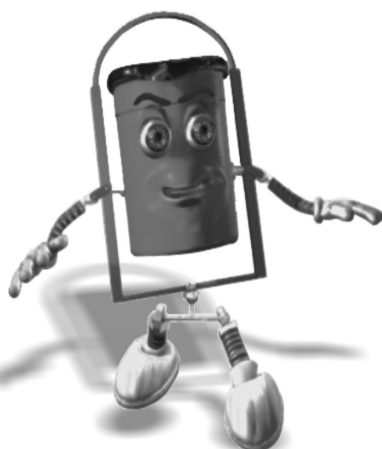
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Chávez recibe cuestionado premio de periodismo en Argentina



El presidente de Venezuela Hugo Chavez sostiene el premio de periodismo Rodolfo Walsh que le concedió la Universidad de la Plata, Argentina, el martes 29 de marzo del 2011. (AP Foto/Jorge Araujo)

ARGENTINA (AP) - El presidente de Venezuela Hugo Chávez recibió el martes un galardón en una universidad pública de periodismo por su aporte a la “comunicación popular”, un reconocimiento que fue cuestionado por organizaciones de prensa.

Chávez, señalado de perseguir a medios críticos a su gestión en Venezuela, recibió el Premio Rodolfo Walsh entregado por la facultad de periodismo y comunicación de la Univer-

sidad Nacional de La Plata, capital de la provincia de Buenos Aires, a un mandatario de la región para elogiar su “comunicación popular”.

La primera vez que se otorgó en 2009 correspondió al presidente boliviano Evo Morales. El año pasado se interrumpió la anualidad del premio.

“Estoy sobrecogido por esta manifestación de cariño”, dijo Chávez ante una multitud de estudiantes que colmaron el estacionamiento de esa sede

universitaria. “A la dictadura mediática hay que señalarla y luchar contra ella. Las clases dominantes siempre se preocuparon de hacerse de los medios de comunicación para manipular a los pueblos”, dijo Chávez. La entrega del premio despertó gran polémica puesto que Chávez es señalado de amenazar la libertad de prensa por organizaciones internacionales como Human Rights Watch y la Sociedad Interamericana de Prensa (SIP).

“Este premio que damos no es neutral, no es aséptico... usted encabeza uno de los procesos de emancipación en América Latina más profundo”, aclaró la decana de la facultad de periodismo, Florencia Saintout, antes de entregar el galardón tallado en madera.

“Sabemos claramente que cuando corren aires de emancipación aquellos que durante muchos años fueron los pocos dueños de todas las cosas, incluso de la palabra, rugen porque ven perder sus posiciones de privilegio para el saqueo”, agregó.

El presidente de la SIP, el guatemalteco Gonzalo Marroquín, expresó que “sería largo enumerar la larga cadena de acciones que Chávez ha emprendido en contra del derecho que tiene el pueblo venezolano a recibir información”. “Cualquier reconocimiento que se le haga, en cualquier instancia, académica, política o gubernamental, y que esté vinculada al tema de libertad de prensa, será seguramente interesado y evidentemente con el fin de elevar su figura política”, añadió.

La entrega de esta distinción a Chávez cobró relevancia mediática debido a que ocurrió dos días después de que

un grupo de gremialistas impidieran el domingo la distribución del diario Clarín al bloquear el acceso de la planta impresora.

El gobierno fue criticado por no intervenir para disuadir la protesta, que afectaba a uno de los medios más críticos de la gestión de la presidenta Cristina Fernández.

“Tomala vos, damela a mí, el que no salta es de Clarín”, gritaron varios de los asistentes, entre ellos miembros de organizaciones sociales y estudiantiles afines al kirchnerismo, la corriente política del partido Justicialista actualmente en el poder. Los únicos medios autorizados para transmitir el acto en directo fueron el estatal canal 7 de Argentina y la cadena Telesur, fundada por Chávez.

El premio recibe el nombre del reconocido periodista que en 1959 fundó en Cuba, junto al escritor colombiano Gabriel García Márquez, la agencia noticiosa Prensa Latina para romper con el bloqueo informativo a la isla tras la revolución. En la década de 1970, Walsh se sumó al grupo guerrillero Montoneros y fue abatido por las fuerzas de seguridad en 1977 en plena dictadura militar. □

Denuncian política energética amenaza indígenas en Ecuador

ECUADOR (AP) - La Confederación de Nacionalidades Indígenas (Conaie) denunció el martes en la Fiscalía que la política energética del gobierno del presidente Rafael Correa está conduciendo al país a “un virtual proceso etnocida” contra los pueblos amazónicos.

El vicepresidente de la Conaie, Miguel Guatemal, dijo a la AP que con la denuncia presentada “queremos que pare la explotación del petróleo, eso causa daño ambiental, eso afecta la selva que es de donde sacan la comida y el agua los pueblos no contactados, que es de donde viven, queremos que se respete el derecho a la vida de esos pueblos”.

Añadió que junto con la demanda se ha presentado una serie de fotografías satelitales donde se observa que la selva está disminuyendo, lo que va “en contra de la supervivencia de esos pueblos”. No dio cifras ni detalles.

En el documento presentado a la Fiscalía, la Conaie pidió que “se investiguen las situaciones de vulnerabilización deliberada de los pueblos

libres en aislamiento voluntario tagaeri, taromenane, oniamenane, iwene y probablemente otros, pertenecientes a la nacionalidad waorani” que habitan en la amazonia central.

Señaló que esos pueblos enfrentan su extinción “debido a efectos combinados de políticas gubernamentales, principalmente relacionadas con la exploración y explotación petrolera, que son llevadas a efecto en los territorios de supervivencia de los pueblos citados”.

Destacó que tales actos administrativos y los hechos promovidos por varios funcionarios públicos “constituyen un tipo penal claramente previsto en la legislación nacional e internacional, que solicitamos sean investigados a fin de que se instauren, de manera urgente, las acciones legales que sean necesarias”.

La denuncia responsabiliza de los agravios a Correa, el asesor jurídico de la Presidencia, Alexis Mera; la ministra de Ambiente, Marcela Aguiñaga; y el ministro de Recursos Naturales no Renovables, Wilson Pastor. □

México albergará conferencia mundial contra drogas

MEXICO (AP) - Países de los cinco continentes se reunirán la próxima semana en México para abordar la necesidad de crear un frente común contra la delincuencia organizada, informó el martes la Secretaría de Seguridad Pública federal (SSP). Representantes de 125 naciones participarán en la XXVIII Conferencia Internacional para el Control de Drogas del 5 al 7 de abril en el balneario turístico de Cancún para compartir información sobre el tráfico de estupefacientes y estrategias para combatirlo, señaló la dependencia mexicana en un comunicado.

El encuentro tiene como tema principal “la integración de un frente común contra la delincuencia organizada” y la necesidad de operaciones multinacionales en cada región, refirió la SSP.

La secretaria mexicana agregó que los países participantes también intercambiarán información sobre movimientos irregulares de dinero y la desviación de productos químicos para la fabricación de narcóticos.

México mantiene una ofensiva contra los carteles de las drogas, responsabilizados de buena parte de la violencia que ha afectado algunas zonas del país en los últimos años y que ha dejado más de 35.000 asesinados desde el inicio del actual gobierno, en diciembre del 2006. □

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